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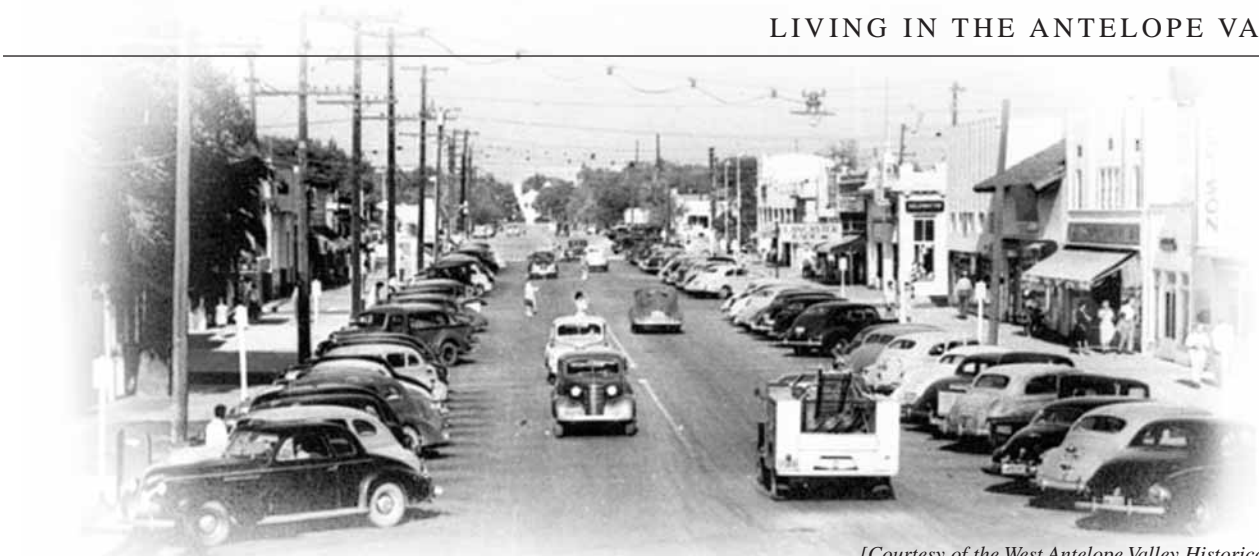
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[Courtesy of the West Antelope Valley Historical Society]

Dear Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to offer you the *Antelope Valley Connection!* This resource guide has been prepared specifically for you, a resident of the unincorporated Antelope Valley. The Antelope Valley Connection highlights valuable information for residents on local and regional County services. We have also included “Stories From the Antelope Valley,” a look back at the history of mining and the gold rush, agriculture, and the Los Angeles Aqueduct, as well as noted historical figures like John Wayne, Judy Garland, and Pancho Barnes, who once lived in the Antelope Valley.

In addition to events and activities at your local parks and natural areas, this guide also features fun recreational activities throughout Los Angeles County. You can find Castaic Lake Recreational Area and William S. Hart Regional Park and Museum in neighboring Santa Clarita Valley or take a day-trip to the Natural History Museum, Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, or the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

A handy insert to the guide features a map of the Antelope Valley with landmarks and service locations, as well as a phone directory of County and local services. We also encourage you to take some time to review the Emergency Preparation Checklist and other information about public safety that can help you stay safe and prepared to face emergencies you might come across living in the Antelope Valley.

We hope you enjoy this guide and encourage you to save it for use as a helpful reference. If you have any comments on your *Antelope Valley Connection*, you can email us at: uas@ceo.lacounty.gov or write to us at: Chief Executive Office, Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects, 500 West Temple Street, Room 723, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Thank you!

Living in Unincorporated Antelope Valley

As a resident of an unincorporated area, you are being represented at both a regional and local level by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In unincorporated communities, the role of a local city government is performed by the County who is responsible for providing and maintaining municipal (local) services such as law enforcement, fire, road maintenance, parks, zoning, building permits, and animal care and control.

The unincorporated areas of the County are governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who serve as your “City Council”. The five-member Board of Supervisors, each representing a County district, are responsible for establishing policies and regulations that affect you and your fellow Antelope Valley residents.

We are here to serve you! The Board of Supervisors designates deputies to help them represent your community. The Antelope Valley is represented by the **Fifth Supervisorial District**.

Antelope Valley Field Office
1113 West Avenue M-4, Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 726-3600

Antelope Valley Connection Highlights & What's New In Your Community!

“Stories of the Antelope Valley”: A look back at historical events and people in the Antelope Valley! See next page for more information.

Unincorporated Area Residents Can Call 2-1-1 For Access to Municipal Services!
See insert for more information.

Two New Fire Stations Being Built in the Antelope Valley! See page 44 for more information.

New Library to Serve Acton/Agua Dulce! See page 38 for more information.

Sorensen Park and Acton Park Set for Major Expansions! See page 20 & 23 for more information.

New Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center To Be Built in Lancaster!
See page 47 for more information.

Protect Your Community...Stop Illegal Dumping! See page 52 for more information.

A Second Animal Shelter Coming to the Antelope Valley! See page 55 for more information.

Nuisance Abatement Teams In Antelope Valley Handle Serious Code Violations!
See page 54 for more information.

County Library Provides Free Online Homework Tutoring on Your Home Computer!
See page 38 for more information.

Environmental Programs to Help Keep Antelope Valley Clean and Beautiful!
See page 50 for more information.

New Property Tax Information Website! See page 56 for more information.

Report Coyote and Other Wildlife Complaints to Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department! See page 58 for more information.

LACountyHelps.org Website Provides Information on Health and Human Services!
See page 59 for more information.

Special Thanks to Jack Farley and Jonathan Numer at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area and to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and California State Parks for the beautiful photographs of nature in the Antelope Valley that you see on the cover and within this publication.

Stories from the ANTELOPE VALLEY

Special Thanks to the County of Los Angeles Public Library for providing these articles. For expanded versions of these stories and much more information, please visit the County of LA Public Library's Antelope Valley Community History website at www.colapublib.org/history/antelopevalley. The photographs are generously provided as credited.

Mining and the Gold Rush in the Antelope Valley

[Portions of the following information are courtesy of the City of Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery]



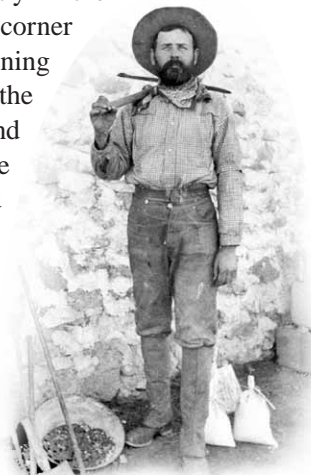
[Courtesy of the City of Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery]

Contrary to the popular belief that the first California gold was found in 1848 at Sutter's Mill in Northern California, California's Gold Rush actually began six years earlier just southwest of the Antelope Valley. In 1842 at what was then called Live Oak Canyon,

Francisco Lopez stopped for lunch while searching for stray cattle, pulled some wild onions, and found flakes of gold clinging to their roots. In the subsequent gold rush, the canyon was named Placeritas, meaning "Little Placers," and today is called Placerita Canyon. Gold rushers soon flocked to the canyon and took an estimated \$100,000 of gold from the region before heading north to the more exciting discovery at Sutter's Mill.

Mining changed the region's history in profound ways as gold seekers settled permanently in the Antelope Valley's southwestern corner during the 1850s and 1860s. Mining in the area further grew during the Civil War as gold, silver, and copper were extracted from the Soledad Canyon region, and Fremont's Pass was enlarged to facilitate and speed up ore shipments.

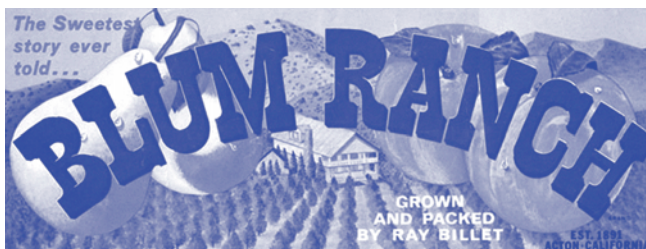
Although mining helped valley residents survive the drought of 1894-1904 and the Great Depression of the



[Courtesy of the City of Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery]

1930s, the desert mining imposed numerous hardships that included high equipment costs, broken-down wagons, temperatures that swung between bone-chilling winters and scorching summers, fatal mine shaft accidents, a shortage of lumber for buildings and fuel for fires, looting in camps and supply stations, and lack of water. Mining continues today in and around the Antelope Valley, where besides gold, silver, and copper, many other ores and minerals have also been extracted over the years including borax, chloride, granite, iron, lead, limestone, marble, salt, and uranium.

Agriculture in the Antelope Valley



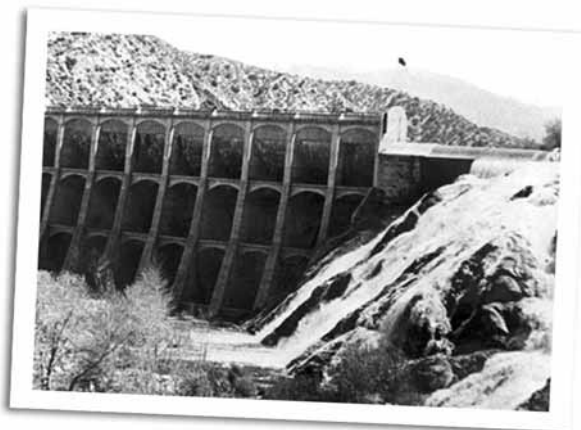
[Courtesy of the Palmdale City Library]

The Valley's first agricultural boom occurred during the 1880s and early 1890s, when heavy rainfall attracted homesteaders who successfully cultivated alfalfa, barley, wheat, and a variety of fruits and nuts. However, a serious drought between 1894 and 1904, the worst in Southern California's recorded history, devastated farms, forcing many settlers to abandon their land in the valley. With the drought's end came an agricultural resurgence after 1905 in the form of irrigation, thanks to pumps powered first by gasoline and later by electricity, which proved more reliable than the former reliance on artesian wells. Irrigation, besides allowing for the replanting of the crops that previously thrived, also allowed the large-scale cultivation of alfalfa, which by 1920 was the Antelope Valley's major crop.

Though communities such as Littlerock have retained their agricultural character, the Antelope Valley has undergone tremendous change and growth in the second half of

the twentieth century with a shift from agriculture to defense and aerospace development.

Littlerock, "the Fruit Basket of the Antelope Valley"



[Courtesy of the Palmdale City Library]

Founded in 1893, Littlerock is an agricultural town known today for its orchards, fruit stands, and antique stores. The area's original inhabitants were groups of Piute Indians until the first non-native settler moved there during the mid-1860s and stayed until he was killed by a grizzly bear in 1886. In the early 1890s, the town's core population began with a group of settlers who planted almond and pear trees, started a blacksmith shop as the first business, and called the community first Alpine Springs Colony and then Tierra Bonita before changing its name to Littlerock in 1893 – the same year that the first post office opened.

Littlerock Dam, now considered a historical architectural structure, was completed in 1924 to provide water to irrigate the town's orchards and today also provides recreational amenities such as boating, fishing, and swimming.

The Los Angeles Aqueduct

In the early twentieth century, the Los Angeles Aqueduct was built as a way to provide much-needed water to rapidly-growing Los Angeles. It was the brainchild of William Mulholland, an Irish immigrant who worked his way up from ditch cleaner to become the chief engineer of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. In 1904 the Owens Valley, located between the Sierra Nevadas and the White Mountain, was targeted as

the likely source of additional water for Los Angeles, a move that touched off the "Owens Valley Water Wars" between city and valley residents. Nonetheless, the next year the project was approved for construction.

To complete the 233-mile structure across mountains, hills, and desert, some 6,000 men worked around-the-clock as miners, laborers, and plasterers, using picks and shovels to dig trenches, drive tractors, put cement in place, and transport pipes. The project revived the economy of communities such as Lancaster, Mojave, Fairmont, and Elizabeth Lake, whose farms and businesses had been decimated by a decade-long drought beginning in 1894. The country's largest municipal water system in its day, the Los Angeles Aqueduct was completed in 1913 – ahead of schedule and under its projected \$25.5

million budget – and began transporting water from the Owens River into the San Fernando Valley near Sylmar and Mulholland.



[Left to right: Courtesy of the West Antelope Valley Historical Society; Courtesy of the Palmdale City Library]

Pancho Barnes, pioneering female pilot

Florence Leontine Lowe Barnes, born in Pasadena in 1901, was a colorful and fiercely independent socialite who made her name as a pioneering female pilot. In her twenties, Barnes was a freewheeling globe-trotter and hostess who traveled to South America on a luxury liner, entertained movie stars and pilots such as Bette Davis and Amelia Earhart, and trekked across Mexico, where she adopted the nickname "Pancho."

A life-changing experience occurred in July 1928, when

Pancho took her first flight out of Ross Airfield; the next week she bought a Travel Air 4000 aircraft and started taking flying lessons, and in September she made her first solo flight. From then on, flying became her passion and claim to fame, perhaps no surprise given her lineage as the granddaughter of Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, who commanded observation balloons during the Civil War for the Union Army. In 1930 alone, Pancho set the women's world speed record of 196.19 miles per hour (beating the record previously held by Earhart), was the first woman to fly into Mexico's interior, and won her first Tom Thumb race. Several years later she also started the Women's Air Reserve and trained women in flight exercises, first aid, and parachute drops.

During the 1940s, the outspoken, cigar-smoking Pancho ran the Rancho Oro Verde Tavern and Inn in the Antelope Valley which included Sunday brunches for pilots, exciting rodeos, training programs for civilian pilots, and Wednesday night dances. The inn was frequented by pilots and future astronauts testing aircrafts at Edwards



[By George Hurrell]

Air Force Base. Her fortunes took a bad turn during the 1950s and 1960s when the Air Force took her property for expansion and she suffered ill health, but circumstances improved about a decade before her death in 1975. Over the course of her eventful lifetime Pancho was also a barnstormer, movie stunt pilot and movie double, songwriter, and animal trainer.

John Wayne in the Antelope Valley

The movie actor John Wayne, born in Winterset, Iowa, in 1907 as Marion Morrison, spent about two years of his childhood on a farm near Lancaster. He was the first-born child of Mary "Molly" Brown and Clyde "Doc" Morrison, who moved his family during the 1910s to an 80-acre homestead near Lancaster, roughly where the United Parcel Service is now located near Sierra Highway. As a child, Marion attended the old Lancaster Grammar School on Lancaster Boulevard, though school records show he had poor attendance. Doc, unsuccessful at farming, soon returned to his original profession as a pharmacist in Glendale, where he moved his family. Wayne, of course, later became an actor who made more than 150 films before his death in 1979.

Judy Garland's Lancaster childhood



Frances Ethel Gumm, later known as Judy Garland, lived in Lancaster during part of her childhood. Born in 1922 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Frances and her family moved to Southern California in 1926. Frances's father, Frank, in search of a movie theater where his three daughters could sing and dance, looked first in Glendale and then West Hollywood before buying the 500-seat Lancaster Theater. He renovated the interior, built a box office, installed air conditioning, changed the name to the Valley Theatre, and thus created a venue where the "Gumm Sisters" could perform on a regular basis, with their mother as agent and manager. While living in Lancaster before relocating to Los Angeles in 1933, the Gumm family lived in three houses, one near the high school and two on Cedar Avenue.

Though much of Frances's early stage and theater experience took place in Lancaster, she and her family performed beyond the Antelope Valley as well, in Los Angeles and outlying towns. Frances' stage name changed several times and included Frances Gayne, Alice Gumm, and Baby Gumm before it became Judy Garland. She went on to become a prolific and versatile entertainer whose accomplishments included 32 movies, one Academy award and two nominations, and thousands of theater, nightclub, television, and radio performances. She is best known for her role as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*. She died in 1969 at age 47. One of Lancaster's most famous residents, her childhood footprints are imprinted in a cement sidewalk slab now located in the backyard of the city's historic Western Hotel.



[Top and bottom: Courtesy of the West Antelope Valley Historical Society]

Antelope Valley Town Councils

Twelve town councils have been established in Antelope Valley to be your local forum to voice community concerns. These organizations consist of unincorporated area residents like yourselves who volunteer their time to hear input from local residents and make recommendations to your elected County officials and County staff.

ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS

Mail: P.O. Box 358, Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
North County Training Center (Fire Station 129)
42110 N. 6th Street West, Lancaster

Acton

P.O. Box 810, Acton, CA 93510
www.cityofacton.org/council.htm

Public Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month
at 7:30 p.m.
Acton Community Center – 3742 Nickels St.

Antelope Acres

P.O. Box 8176, Lancaster, CA 93539
Public Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Antelope Acres Community Center – 8812 West Avenue E-8

Green Valley

P.O. Box 846, Green Valley, CA 91350
www.geocities.com/GreenValleyReporter/page23.html

Public Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Green Valley Community Center – 39118 Calle Bonita

Juniper Hills

P.O. Box 633, Littlerock, CA 93543
www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhtc

Public Meetings: 1st Wednesday of even months at 7:00 p.m.
Juniper Hills Community Center – 31401 106th St. E

Lakes

P.O. Box 784, Lake Hughes, CA 93532
Public Meetings: 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
Lake Hughes Community Ctr. – 17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Lake Los Angeles

P.O. Box 500012, Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591
Public Meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Vista San Gabriel Elementary School – 18020 East Ave. O

Leona Valley

P.O. Box 795, Leona Valley, CA 93551
<http://leonavalleytowncouncil.org>

Public Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month
at 7:30 p.m.
Leona Valley Community Ctr - 8367 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Littlerock

P.O. Box 190, Littlerock, CA 93543
www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Council.htm

Public Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Alpine Grange Hall – 8650 East Avenue T-8

Quartz Hill

42263 50th St. West, Box #1111, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
<http://qhca.av.org>

Public Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Lane Park Community Room – 5520 West Avenue L-8

Roosevelt (including Redman and Hi Vista)

48157 70th Street East
Lancaster, CA 93535

Public Meetings: For meeting information, please check for
notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Town Council
President, Barbara Firsick at (661) 946-1323.

Sun Village

P.O. Box 151, Littlerock, CA 93543
Public Meetings: 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
The Shaw Building – 9657 East Avenue Q-10, Littlerock

Three Points/Liebre Mountain

P.O. Box 617, Lake Hughes, CA 93532
Public Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every other month
at 9:30 a.m.
For meeting information, please check for notices in
the Antelope Valley Press or call Chris Wangsgard at
(661) 724-7871.



Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce

Acton

P.O. Box 81, Acton, CA 93510
Telephone: (661) 269-5785
Fax: (661) 269-4121
www.cityofacton.org/chamber.htm

Antelope Valley (Lancaster)

554 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534
Telephone: (661) 948-4518
Fax: (661) 949-1212
www.avchambers.com

Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

819 E. Avenue Q-9, Palmdale, CA 93550
Telephone: (661) 538-0607
Fax: (661) 538-1057
www.avhispanicchamber.com

Lake Los Angeles

P.O. Box 500071, Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591
Telephone: (661) 264-2786
Fax: (661) 264-4310
www.lakelachamber.org

Littlerock

P.O. Box 326, Littlerock, CA 93543
Telephone: (661) 944-6990
www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Chamber.htm

Palmdale

817 East Avenue Q-9, Palmdale, CA 93550
Telephone: (661) 273-3232
Fax: (661) 273-8508
www.palmdalechamber.org

Pearblossom

P.O. Box 591, Pearblossom, CA 93553
Telephone: (661) 944-6435

Quartz Hill

42043 50th Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Telephone: (661) 722-4811
Fax: (661) 722-5935
www.quartzhillchamber.org

Sun Village

P.O. Box 206, Sun Village, CA 93543
Telephone: (661) 944-2341
Fax: (661) 944-6934



Edwards Air Force Base

Rosamond Blvd. (14 Freeway - Exit 55)

Edwards AFB, CA

(661) 277-3510

www.edwards.af.mil



[NASA Dryden Flight Research Center photo]

For more than 65 years, Edwards Air Force Base has been the home of more major milestones in flight than any other place on earth. Covering nearly 301,000 acres, Edwards is located in the north Antelope Valley, adjacent to the Rogers Dry Lakebed.



[Air Force photo]

Designated as the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC), Edwards is home to the United States Air Force Test Pilot School and NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center. Almost every United States military aircraft since World War II has been tested at Edwards. As a result, Edwards has been the site of many aviation breakthroughs. On October 1, 1942, the P-59 Airacomet, America's first jet aircraft, lifted off from Edwards. Among the many other historic events at Edwards include the fastest piloted flight ever recorded (4520 mph by a North American X-15), the first landings of the Space Shuttle Columbia, and a launch of the first non-stop, around-the-world flight on a single tank of gas. Perhaps most famous of all was the Bell X-1 flight on October 14, 1947, when pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier.



The P-59 Airacomet, America's first jet aircraft.

Edwards' focus today, and in the future, is summed up in the Air Force Flight Test Center's motto: "Ad Inexplorata... Toward the Unexplored."



Enjoy an Opportunity to Tour World-Famous Edwards Air Force Base!

Public Tours of Edwards Air Force Base are offered the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 8:30 a.m. and are open to guests of all ages! The tour is an all-day event that includes a visit to the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum, a windshield tour of the Edwards flightline, and a tour of the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center. The museum features exhibits depicting the history of Edwards and the Air Force Flight Test Center, including aircraft displays, model planes, biographies, and aviation paraphernalia.

Reservations must be made in advance to join the Edwards Air Force Base public tour. Tours for large groups of 20 to 40 people can also be arranged. To make reservations or for more information, please call (661) 277-3517 or send a message online at www.edwards.af.mil/main/contactus.asp.



There is no Edwards AFB Open House and Air Show scheduled for 2007, but visit www.edwards.af.mil for the latest event updates!

Drop By the Antelope Valley Senior Center

777 W. Jackman Street
Lancaster, CA 93534
Telephone: (661) 726-4400

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The Antelope Valley Senior Center, managed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services, has been a welcoming place for Antelope Valley seniors for the past 30 years. Whether you want to take a fitness class, quilt, paint, or have lunch, the Center offers an array of services to meet your needs.

CENTER SERVICES

- Health programs
- Nutrition programs
- Arts and crafts
- Exercises
- Computer classes
- Billiards
- Music appreciation: choir
- Senior legal service
- Veterans information service
- Community service groups
- Ear Care Clinic
- Blood pressure check
- Support groups
- Health fitness
- Dance groups
- Mature drivers class
- Income tax preparation
- Photography group
- Medical equipment loan closet
- Educational workshops

FUN DAY TRIPS!

In addition to on-site activities and classes, the Antelope Valley Senior Center offers fun day trips to exciting locations, including the Getty Villa, Downtown Los Angeles, Mission Inn, Gene Autry Museum, the Glory of Christmas, Old Towne Ventura, and Ontario Mills Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

The Center also offers many special events for Antelope Valley seniors, including free annual flu shots (provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services), Senior Sock Hop Dance, Spring Boutique, Holiday Boutique, Ice Cream Social, Black History Month Celebration, and many more.

Please call the center for more information on day trips and special events, or stop by the Center to pick up a calendar of events.



12 SERVING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY



Road Construction Projects in the Antelope Valley

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works offers a broad range of services to the Antelope Valley including the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of roads, bridges, sewers, water supply, flood control, and other capital projects. To find the public works offices that provide services in your community, visit www.ladpw.org/General/facilities/Community.cfm.

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD PROJECTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY			
PROJECT LOCATION	MAJOR STREET(S) IMPACTED	TYPE OF WORK	TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
Intersection of Sierra Highway and Pearblossom Highway	Sierra Hwy and Pearblossom Hwy	Widen intersection and Modify/Relocate Traffic Signals	Completed May 2007
Avenue L-8 between 45th St. West and 55th St. West	Avenue L-8 (near Lane Park in Quartz Hill)	Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
Soledad Canyon Road between Michigan St. and Aliso Canyon Rd.	Soledad Canyon Road in Acton	Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
65th Street West various streets in Quartz Hill	65th Street West	Reconstruct/Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
Avenue E between Sierra Highway and Division Street	Avenue E	Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
Sierra Highway between Avenue A and Avenue G	Sierra Highway	Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
Avenue G between 160th St. East and 210th St. East	Avenue G	Resurface Pavement	Summer 2007
Intersection of Avenue M and 20th Street West	Avenue M	Install traffic signals and storm drain, and reconstruct intersection	Summer 2007
Avenue M between 50th St. West and 60th St. West	Avenue M	Resurface Pavement	Spring 2008
50th Street West between Avenue L-8 and Avenue M-4	50th Street West	Resurface Pavement	Spring 2008
Godde Hill Road near Elizabeth Lake Road	Godde Hill Road	Resurface Pavement	Spring 2008
Avenues K and L between 40th St. West and 55th St. West	Avenue K and Avenue L	Enhance Road Capacity and Install Traffic Controls	Schedule to be Determined

For more information on road maintenance, please call (661) 947-7173.

Public Transportation in the Antelope Valley

Metrolink Antelope Valley Line www.metrolinktrains.com

Metrolink is a regional rail system, including commuter and other passenger services, linking your community to employment and activity centers.

The Antelope Valley Line connects thousands of Antelope Valley residents with Downtown Los Angeles on a daily basis. From stops in Lancaster, Palmdale, and Acton, you can take the Metrolink to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles, which provides easy access to the Metro Red Line subway and buses. Saturday Service on the Antelope Valley Line also connects thousands of recreational riders to Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park.

Locations of Antelope Valley stops:

Lancaster

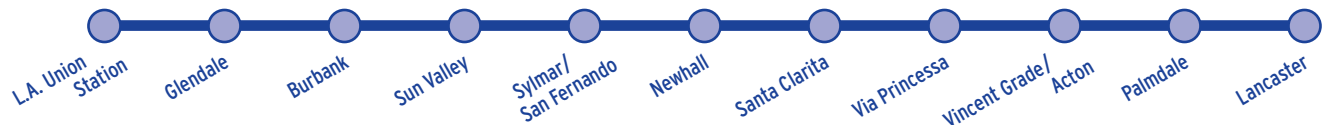
44812 Sierra Highway, Lancaster, 93534

Palmdale

Palmdale Transportation Center –
39000 Clock Tower Plaza Drive, Palmdale, 93550

Vincent Grade/Acton

730 Sierra Highway, Acton, 93510



For train schedules and information on other Metrolink lines, please call **(800) 371-LINK** or visit our website www.metrolinktrains.com/lines/schedules.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) www.avta.com

The AVTA provides bus services to meet public transportation needs in the Antelope Valley. If you need help planning a trip, please call AVTA customer service at **(661) 945-9445**.

Routes

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 (Lancaster-Palmdale) | 9 (Eastside Palmdale) |
| 2 (Palmdale Blvd.) | 11 (Avenue I - |
| 3 (Avenue R) | 15th Street West) |
| 4 (East Avenue K) | 12 (Avenue J) |
| 5 (Avenue L) | Lake L.A. Express |
| 6 (Littlerock) | (Lake Los Angeles) |
| 7 (Quartz Hill) | |

Supplemental and Special High School Routes

AVTA operates supplemental and deviated routes during the traditional school year to accommodate student riders at certain high schools.

- 4 Supplemental** (Antelope Valley High School)
- 97 Supplemental** (Highland High School)
- 99 Supplemental** (Littlerock High School)

Fares (as of Fall 2006)

Cash Fare	One Way	\$ 1.25
	4-Hour Pass	\$ 2.00
	Day Pass	\$ 3.75
	31-Day Pass	\$50.00

Seniors, Disabled, or Medicare Card Holder Cash Fare	One Way	\$ 0.60
	4-Hour Pass	\$ 1.00
	Day Pass	\$ 2.00
	31-Day Pass	\$16.50

Seniors ride *free* from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends.

Visit www.avta.com/transit/transit_schedules.htm to find full schedules and maps.



Access Services Provides Transportation For Disabled Residents Of the Antelope Valley

<http://www.asila.org>

*A*ccess Paratransit is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-mandated public transportation service for people unable to use regular bus or light rail services in Los Angeles County. Access Paratransit service is a curb-to-curb shared ride program and requires an in-person certification interview in order to become a registered rider.

How to become a certified

Access Paratransit Rider:

Call Access Customer Service at **(800) 827-0829**
TTD (800) 827-1359

Operators available Monday-Friday:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

How to reserve a ride:

Call Access Paratransit Reservations at **(800) 883-1295**

Hours of Operation in the Antelope Valley:

Monday – Friday	6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service hours are subject to change based upon revisions by the Antelope Valley Transit Authority to local fixed route service hours. Please check times when reserving a ride.

Fares:

Within the Antelope Valley	\$1.75
Antelope Valley to Los Angeles	\$6.70
Antelope Valley to Santa Clarita	\$6.00

Get Additional Information on

ADA Accessible Transportation Options in the Antelope Valley

For additional specialized public and private transportation service information, call **ACCESS RIDE INFO** at **(800) 431-7882**, (TDD 800-431-9731) Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and a specialist will provide you with information on public and private providers with ADA accessible transportation options, including local dial-a-rides, in Los Angeles County.

Parks and Recreation in the Antelope Valley



The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is proud to offer recreational activities and special events to the residents of unincorporated Antelope Valley at the following local parks, regional facilities, and natural areas. Since the programs and events highlighted in this guide are scheduled in advance, some dates or times may be subject to change. If you are interested in any of these events or activities, feel free to contact the park for more details.

Jackie Robinson Park

Serving the community of Littlerock

8773 East Avenue R
Littlerock, CA 93543

Telephone: (661) 944-2880
Gymnasium Telephone: (661) 944-6603
Fax: (661) 944-0413

Park Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dedicated in June 1965, and named for baseball great Jackie Robinson, this 9.24 acre park's annual celebration of Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day), attracts over 6,000 community members annually.

The park also features a community building with a spacious gymnasium, a computer lab, multipurpose classrooms, and a kitchen.



PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS

After School Adventure Camp 6 - 15 years
Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
September 2007 - June 2008
Fee: \$12 per year

Boxing 8 - 23 years
Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Cheerleading and Dance Squad 6 - 17 years
Wednesdays and Fridays 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$25 per year

Drum Corps 6 - 18 years
Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Fitness Workout Room 8 years and older
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Hip Hop Dance Club 8 - 15 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Kidsnet Young Entrepreneurs Program 8 - 15 years
Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
September 2007 - June 2008
Fee: Free of charge



Open Co-ed Adult Recreational Volleyball

17 years and older

Fridays 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Sheriff's Youth Activity League

Boys and girls from 5th - 12th grade can sign up for youth basketball, field trips, and other activities. For additional information, please call Deputy Oates at the park.

Skateboard Club

8 - 18 years

Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Sun Village Jolly Seniors *Seniors and near-Seniors*

1st Tuesday of the month 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Toy Loan Program

6 - 14 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Youth Basketball League

6 - 14 years

Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
January 2008 - March 2008
Fee: \$45.00 per season

Youth Coed T-Ball / Softball League

5 - 15 years

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
March 2008 - June 2008
Fee: \$45.00 per child

Youth Self-Defense Karate & Safety Awareness Program

5 - 18 years

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Year Round
Fee: \$7 per week

Youth Wrestling Program

6 - 15 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$30 a year; USA Wrestling Card \$30 a year

For more information on any programs listed above,
please call the park.

Special Events

An Enchanting Evening of Poetry & Art

16 years and older

Saturday, August 11, 2007 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5.00 Admission

Gospel Feast

All ages

Saturday, September 8, 2007 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: donations



Christmas Toy Give-a-Way

3 - 14 years

Saturday, December 15, 2007
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Bunny Mania Extravaganza

2 - 12 years

March 2008 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Date to be determined
Fee: Free of charge

Juneteenth Celebration

All ages

Saturday, June 2008 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Date to be determined
Fee: Free of charge

For more information on any events, please call
the park.

Activities and events for your community at Pearblossom Park

33922 North 121st Street East

Pearblossom, CA 93553

Telephone: (661) 944-2988

Fax: (661) 944-1029

Park Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Dedicated in 1965, Pearblossom Park is eight acres of parkland with a small community building, basketball court, lighted softball diamond, new children's playground, and patio with an outdoor stage. One of the annual highlights is the Winter Wonderland event in December when 15 tons of snow is brought into the park and there is a visit from Santa.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS

ABC Pre-School

Monday - Thursday 3 - 5 years
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
August 2007 - June 2008
Fee: Free of charge

After School Adventure Club

Monday - Friday 5 - 12 years
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
August 2007 - June 2008
Fee: \$40 per year

Extended Care

Monday - Thursday 3 - 5 years
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
August 2007 - June 2008
Fee: \$25 per 12 weeks

Holiday Camp

Monday - Friday 5 - 12 years
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
December 10, 2007 - January 5, 2008
Fee: Free of charge

Kreative Korner

Monday - Thursday 3 - 5 years
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
August 2007 - June 2008
Fee: Free of charge

Summer Day Camp

Monday - Friday 5 - 12 years
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 25, 2007 - August 24, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

Teen Scene

Fridays 13 - 18 years
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Toy Loan

Monday - Friday 5 - 12 years
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Youth Coed Summer Softball

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5 - 15 years
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
June 18, 2007 - July 21, 2007
Fee: \$20 per season

Youth Coed Summer Soccer

Mondays and Wednesdays 5 - 15 years
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
July 16, 2007 - September 8, 2007
Fee: \$20 per season



For more information on any program listed above, please call the park.

Special Events

Hoe Down/Chili Cook-off

Saturday, August 18, 2007 All ages
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Spook-tacular Dance

Friday, October 26, 2007 3 - 16 years
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Thanksgiving Feast Celebration

November 2007 5 - 12 years
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Date to be determined
Fee: Free of charge

**Winter Wonderland***5 years and older*

Friday, December 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Black History Month Celebration*All ages*

February 2008

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Date to be determined

Fee: Free of charge

Easter Egg Hunt

March 2008

Date to be determined

Fee: Free of charge

15 years and under

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration*All ages*

May 2008

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Date to be determined

Fee: Free of charge

For more information on any program or event, please call the park.

*Quartz Hill residents can enjoy***George Lane Park**

5520 West Avenue L-8

Quartz Hill CA 93536

(661) 722-7780**(661) 843-7181** Gymnasium**(661) 943-2000** Pool**Park Hours:**

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

George Lane Park, which is in unincorporated Quartz Hill, was completed in 1961 and has become home to many annual events such as the Almond Blossom Festival and Holiday Pageant. In 1959, George and Olga Lane donated nine acres of their alfalfa farm for the purpose of creating a park in Quartz Hill. Mr. Lane was famous in the area for his twenty mule teams, which he used for farming, hauling and hiring out.



On September 11, 2006, the park unveiled the George Lane Park Memorial Wall, which was built to pay tribute to U.S. veterans, firefighters, and law enforcement officers.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS**Adult Computer Class***18 years and older*

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$5 per month

After School Program*5 - 17 years*

Mondays, Wednesdays,

and Fridays

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

September 2007 - December 2007

January 2008 - June 2008

Fee: Free of charge

Guerra Fencing Studio*6 - 18 years*

Wednesdays

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fridays

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$60 per month (one day per week)

Parents Night Out*4 - 14 years*

Fridays

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$5 per child per night

Pre-School Program*3 - 5 years*

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$185 per 11-week session

George Lane Park (continued)

Senior Hours

Seniors and near-Seniors
Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Spring Basketball

16 years and older
Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
January 2008 - May 2008
Fee: \$250 per team plus \$30 referee fee per team per game.

Spring Day Camp

5 - 12 years
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2008 Dates To Be Determined
Fee: \$50 per week



Summer Basketball

16 years and older
Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
June 2007 - August 2007
Fee: \$250 per team plus \$30 referee fee per team per game.

Summer Day Camp

5 - 12 years
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 18, 2007 - August 10, 2007
Fee: \$50 per week

Tae-Bo for the Average Joe

14 years and older
Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Teen Club

13 - 17 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
September 2007 - December 2007
January 2008 - June 2008
Fee: Free of charge

Topiary Class

18 years and older
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Year Round
For fees and more information, please contact the park.

Typing Class

6 years and older
Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$5 per month

Walking Club

14 years and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

Winter Basketball

16 years and older
Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
August 2007 - December 2007
Fee: \$250 per team plus \$30 referee fee per team per game.

Winter Day Camp

5 - 12 years
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
December 17, 2007 - December 21, 2007
January 2, 2008 - January 4, 2008
January 7, 2008 - January 11, 2008
Fee: \$50 per week

Youth Computer Class

6 - 17 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$5 per month

Youth Flag Football

5 - 15 years
Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 17, 2007 - April 14, 2008
Fee: \$40 per season

Youth Summer Basketball

5 - 15 years
Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
April 21, 2007 - July 28, 2007
Fee: \$40 per season

Youth Winter Basketball

5 - 15 years
Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
September 17, 2007 - March 29, 2008
Fee: \$55 per season

Youth Wrestling

4 - 17 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$12 per month or \$50 per year

Young Champions Self-Defense Class

5 - 15 years

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: \$90 per 3-month session

For more information on any programs listed above,
 please call the park.

Special Events

Fourth of July Celebration

All ages

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 July 4, 2007
 Fee: Free of charge

September 11th Remembrance

All ages

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 September 11, 2007
 Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Carnival

2 years and older

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 October 31, 2007
 Fee: Free of charge

Family Pot Luck Thanksgiving Feast

All ages

Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 November 16, 2007
 Fee: Free of charge

Holiday Pageant

2 - 12 years

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 December 15, 2007
 Fee: \$20 entrance fee
 Contest to crown King and Queen of George Lane Park.

Black History Celebration

All ages

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 February 16, 2008
 Fee: Free of charge

Almond Blossom Festival

All ages

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 March 2008, Dates To Be Determined
 Fee: Free of charge
 This event is independently sponsored and takes place at the park. Event features a carnival, live music, vendors, and various sport and talent demonstrations.

Easter Egg Hunt

2 - 12 years

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 March 2008
 Fee: Free of charge

Cinco De Mayo

All ages

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 May 2008
 Fee: Free of charge

For more information on any
 events listed above, please call
 the park.



George Lane Park Swimming Pool

5520 West Avenue L-8
 Quartz Hill CA 93536
 (661) 943-2000

The pool is open from June 16, 2007 - September 3, 2007. For pool hours or more information, please call (661) 943-2000 or the North Agency Aquatics Office (661) 294-3532.

Dive Team

7 - 18 years

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Family Night

All ages

1st three Saturdays of the month
 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Frog Aquatics Swim Club

All ages

Monday - Friday 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
 Fee: Please call the pool for fee schedule.

Lap Swim

7 and older

Daily 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$25 per month or \$7 per week
 Limited to 1 or 2 lanes only

Recreational Swimming

All ages

Daily 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge
 Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by a parent.

George Lane Park (continued)

Swim Lessons

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
40-minute classes
Fee: Free of charge

Swim Team

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and
5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

All ages

7 - 18 years

Teen Night

Fourth Saturday of the month 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

For more information,
please contact the pool
at **(661) 943-2000**.

13 - 18 years



Big Upgrades for Lake Los Angeles Residents at Stephen Sorensen Park

16801 East Avenue P
Lake Los Angeles CA 93591
Telephone: **(661) 264-1249**
Fax: (661) 264-9827

Park Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sorensen Park Set For Major Expansion!



The proposed facility will be patterned after the recently completed Loma Alta gymnasium & community center in Altadena shown above.

In order to meet the increasing recreational needs within the community of Lake Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department of Public Works to design and build a new 14,100-square-foot gymnasium and community center. The \$9.9 million gymnasium will include a high school regulation basketball court, bleachers with seating for over 200, and an electronic scoreboard. The adjacent community center will have a multipurpose room, a

classroom wired for a computer learning area, a kitchen, restrooms, staff office, lobby, and storage rooms. Other improvements include security lighting, walkways, landscaping and irrigation, and additional parking. Construction is expected to begin in 2008 with an estimated completion date in late 2009.

In August 2006, two outdoor lighted basketball courts, a lighted multipurpose sportsfield, and a lighted baseball diamond were completed at Sorensen Park.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS

Adult Winter Softball

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
October 2007 - February 2008
Fee: \$330 per team plus \$13 umpire fees per team per game.

18 and older

After School Program

Monday - Friday 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$25 per school year

6 - 14 years

After School Snack Program

Monday - Friday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

18 years and under

Cheerleading

Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fees: \$20 per 16 week session

6 - 12 years

Dance Squad

Tuesday - Thursday
Year Round
Fees: \$20 per 16-week session

7 - 18 years
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Lights, Camera, Action! Movie Night

4th Friday of each month
June 2007 - September 2007
Fee: \$1.00 per family per night

All ages
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Parents Night Out

1st and 3rd Friday of the month
Year Round
Fee: \$5 per child

5 years and older
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Summer Lunch Program

Monday - Friday
July 5, 2007 - August 31, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

18 years and under
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Toddler Camp

Tuesday - Thursday
Year Round
Fee: \$50 per 16-week session

3 - 5 years
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Toy Loan Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year Round
Fee: Free of charge

12 years and under
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Winter Holiday Camp

Monday - Friday
December 19, 2007 - December 28, 2007
Fee: \$15 per week, per child, and \$10 per child for 3 or more children.

6 - 12 years

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Co-ed Softball

Saturdays
January 2008 - March 2008
Fee: \$45 per child

6 - 16 years

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Youth Winter Basketball

Saturdays
November 2007 - March 2008
Fee: \$45 per child (discount for multiple-child families)

5 - 15 years

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information on programs listed above, please call the park.

Special Events

Low-rider Show

Saturday, July 14, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

All ages

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Battle of the Bands

Saturday, August 11, 2007
Fee: Admission free of charge; registration fee \$20 per band.

All ages

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Patriotic Day

Saturday, September 8, 2007
Fee: Free of charge
In memory of 9-11

All ages

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

White Elephant Sale

Sunday, September 23, 2007
Fee: Admission free of charge; \$15 per space rental.

All ages

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lake Los Angeles Day

Saturday, October 13, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

All ages

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 27, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

18 years and under

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Event

Saturday, November 17, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

6 - 14 years

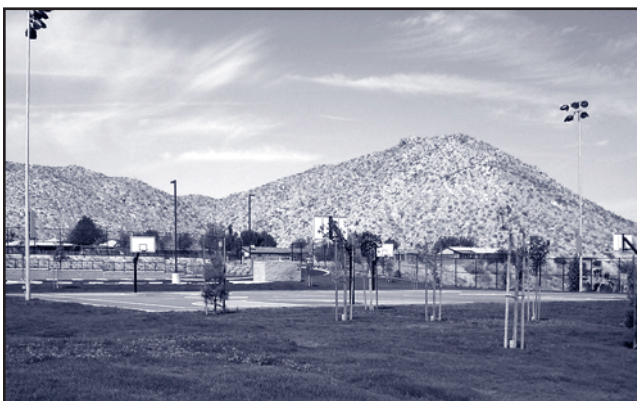
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Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 15, 2007
Fee: Free of charge; pictures \$5

17 years and under

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Stephen Sorensen Park (continued)

Healthy Parks Fair

April 2008

Date to be determined

Fee: Free of charge

All ages

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 2008

Date to be determined

Fee: Free of charge

14 years and under

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information on events listed above, please call the park.

Apollo Space Capsule on display at Apollo Park

4555 West Avenue G
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-7701

Hours: Daily, Sunrise to Sunset (The park is closed one week prior to Fishing Derby events.)



Apollo Park, which is named in honor of the Apollo 11 astronauts who first journeyed to the moon, is home to a replica Apollo Space Capsule on loan to the County from the Smithsonian Institute. The park is

comprised of three recreational lakes (Aldrin, Armstrong, and Collins) and 30 landscaped acres of parkland. Amenities include picnic areas, a bike path, three playgrounds, a stocked lake. A fishing license is required for anyone 16 years and older.

Special Events



Fall Adult Fishing Derby

Saturday, November 3, 2007

Fee: \$15 pre-sale or \$20 day-of-event entry fee
Fishing license required

16 years and older

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Spring Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Fee: Free of charge

5 - 15 years

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Spring Adult Fishing Derby

March 2008

Date to be determined

Fee: \$15 pre-sale or \$20 day-of-event entry fee
Fishing license required

16 years and older

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy

Everett Martin Park in Littlerock

35548 North 92nd Street East
Littlerock, CA 93543
(661) 259-1970 (North District Office)

Hours: Daily, Sunrise to Sunset

Named for pioneer Everett W. Martin, one of the original settlers of Littlerock in the 1890s, this park opened on May 29, 1974, with the dedication of the swimming pool, which had been a long-time dream of the foothill communities in the Littlerock area.

Park amenities include picnic tables, braziers, a basketball court, children's play area, hitching post, and a swimming pool that is open during the summer months. For swimming information, please contact the pool staff at (661) 944-1449.

Acton Park *expansion and improvements planned for this year!*

3751 Syracuse Avenue
Acton, CA 93510
(661) 259-1970 (North District Office)

Hours: Daily, Sunrise to Sunset

Acton Park opened in 2005 to provide the residents of Acton with such amenities as a horse and pedestrian trail, picnic tables, ball fields, a children's playground area, and restrooms. Starting this summer, construction and landscaping will begin on a new softball diamond, a multipurpose sports court for basketball and tennis, and an expanded picnic area and gazebo. The Acton Park improvements are expected to be completed in February 2008.

Discover the Natural Wonders at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area Park

28000 Punchbowl Road
Pearblossom, CA 93553
Telephone: (661) 944-2743
www.devils-punchbowl.com

Hours:

Park: Open Daily, Sunrise to Sunset

Nature Center:

Monday–Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Awaiting you is a 1,310-acre park with rugged wilderness and rock formations along the San Andreas Fault on the north slope of the San Gabriel Mountains. The "Punchbowl," one of the most spectacular geologic formations in California, is a deep canyon cut by the runoff of large quantities of water from the higher San Gabriel Mountains occurring over a long period of time. The terrain climbs from 4,200 feet to 6,500 feet in elevation, with natural plant and animal communities ranging from desert scrub to pine forests.

To get a closer look at the many natural features of the park, we encourage you to take a walk on the trails. The self-guided "Pinyon Pathway" trail is about a third of a mile and it only takes a few minutes to walk the trail. A one-mile "Loop Trail" is longer and quite strenuous with a 300-foot elevation drop into the canyon and back to the top above the picnic area and parking lot. A much longer trail to the Devil's Chair and the eastern canyons of the park is also available. This trail is 3.7 miles to the Devil's Chair (About 7.5 miles round trip) and approximately



four hours hiking time. Please feel free to ask the Ranger on duty for maps or other information.

Facilities:

- Natural History Museum
- Nature Center

Things to do:

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| • Animal presentations | • Ranger-led hikes |
| • Birding | • School and other group tours, by reservation only |
| • Equestrian trails | • Seasonal campfire programs |
| • Geological study | • Seasonal special events |
| • Hiking | |
| • Junior ranger program | |
| • Picnicking | |

San Andreas Fault Tours

Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Devil's Punchbowl offers an intriguing guided tour of the local section of the San Andreas Fault. The historical aspects of the fault, predictions of future earthquakes, and the general geology of California will be covered in an informal discussion format. Tours will meet at the Nature Center and carpool to the fault.

Please call the park for more information.

Meteor Shower Viewing Schedule

Perseids Meteor Shower

Sunday, August 12, 2007 at 9:00 p.m.

Orionids Meteor Shower

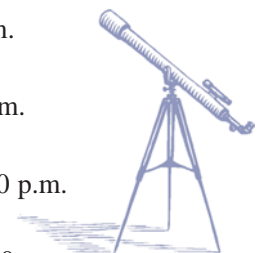
Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 9:00 p.m.

Leonid Meteor Shower

Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 9:00 p.m.

Geminids Meteor Shower

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 9:00 p.m.



Natural Areas for the Family to Visit in the Antelope Valley

Los Angeles County High Desert Wildlife Sanctuaries

(661) 944-2743

www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com

The Los Angeles County Wildlife and Wildflower Sanctuaries contain some of the finest wilderness recreation opportunities available anywhere. Each has its own unique array of resources, from wildlife photography to bird watching. In the spring, many carpets of wildflowers spread across the sanctuaries. Over a hundred species of plants have been identified in the preserves. Overall, the wildflower sanctuaries are a beautiful and enjoyable experience for the entire family.

Acton Wash Sanctuary

Soledad Canyon Road and Gillespie Avenue

Alpine Butte Wildlife Sanctuary

East Avenue O (between 130th East & Longview)

Big Rock Wash Wildlife Sanctuary

East Avenue O (one mile east of 110th St. East)

Blalock Wildlife Sanctuary

Valyermo Road (south of Avenue W East)

Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary

East Avenue I (between 190th and 200th St. East)

Desert Pines

210th Street West and Avenue E-15

Carl O. Gerhardt Wildlife Sanctuary

240th Street East (between Avenue M and Avenue N)

Jackrabbit Flat Wildlife Sanctuary

Southeast corner of 116th St. East and East Avenue T
Pearblossom, CA

Mescal Wildlife Sanctuary

Between Highways 138 and 18 near 223rd St. East

Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary

223rd Street East and Avenue V
Llano, CA

Phacelia Wildflower Sanctuary

200th Street East and Avenue D



Saddleback Butte State Park

East Avenue J and 170th Street East
(661) 727-9899 / www.parks.ca.gov

Hours: *Day-use area:* Sunrise to Sunset.
Campground: 24 hours.

Fees:

Day-use/Hiking: \$5 per vehicle, \$4 with seniors, \$2.50 for disabled visitors.

Camping: \$12 per site per night (\$5 each additional vehicle on site), \$10 with seniors, \$6 for disabled visitors. \$66 per night for groups. By reservation only at (800) 444-7275.

Equestrian Use: \$5 per person. Group events are \$25, paid in advance. Call (661) 942-0662 to schedule event.

Call park for visitor center information or to schedule a visit.

Saddleback Butte is a granite mountaintop that stands some thousand feet above the Antelope Valley about twenty miles east of Lancaster, on the western edge of the Mojave Desert. The park has a visitor center, equestrian trails, campground facilities, and many hiking trails. Saddleback Butte State Park is home to many desert wildlife species that are slowly vanishing due to hunting, agriculture, and increased population. Some species found in the park include coyotes, foxes, jack rabbits, cottontail rabbits, ground squirrels, kangaroo rats, sidewinder and Mojave Green rattlesnakes (the deadliest of the rattlers), many other types of reptiles, and the occasional badger or skunk. One special highlight of the park is the Desert Tortoise, which is now listed on the Endangered Species List. The best time to visit is in the springtime (February through May) when wildflowers are apt to put on a beautiful display of color.



Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve

15101 Lancaster Road
Lancaster, CA
(661) 724-1180

Hours:

Day-Use area:

Sunrise to Sunset.

Visitor Center Hours:

Mid-March through
mid-May, Daily,
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Parking Fees: \$2 per vehicles, or \$1 with seniors (62+)

This California State Reserve, nestled in the Antelope Buttes 15 miles west of Lancaster, California, is located on California's most consistent poppy-bearing land. Wildflower blooms occur generally from March through May. The peak viewing period is usually mid-April. In addition to poppies, other wildflowers like owl's clover, lupine, goldfield, cream cups, and coreopsis, share the desert grassland to produce a mosaic of color and fragrance each spring. As unpredictable as nature, the intensity and duration of the wildflower bloom varies yearly.



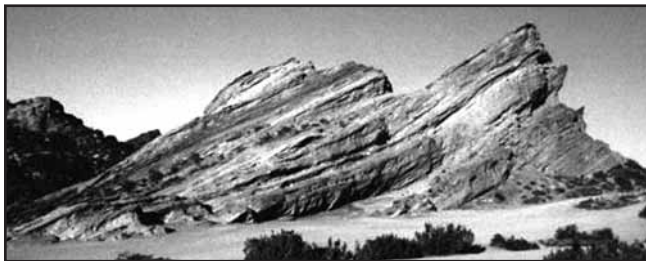
Captured in many movies, the spectacular
Vasquez Rocks Natural Area & Nature Center

10700 West Escondido Canyon Road
Agua Dulce, CA 91350
Telephone: (661) 268-0840

Park Hours:

March – May: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
June – October: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
November – February: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please note: There is no drinking water in the park



This 905-acre park is located in the high desert near Agua Dulce Springs and features spectacular rock formations, Tataviam Indian sites, and a seasonal stream. The rocks' history began in prehistoric times when the sandstone rocks were uplifted at a picturesque angle, showing their jagged red features. In 1873 and 1874 Tiburcio Vasquez, one of California's most notorious bandits, used these rocks to elude capture by law enforcement. His name has since been associated with this geologic feature. The park is a popular hiking, picnicking, and equestrian area.

Vasquez Rocks has been a popular filming location used as the setting for scenes in many movies, television shows, and commercials. Among the many films and television shows to feature Vasquez Rocks are "The Lone Ranger," "Zorro," "Little Miss Sunshine," "Bonanza," "Blazing Saddles," "Star Trek," "24," "The Six Million Dollar Man," "MacGyver," "Austin Powers," and "The Flintstones Movie."



Things to do:

- Birding
- Campfire nature talks
- Equestrian programs
- Hiking
- Junior ranger program
- Motion picture and still photography
- Nature study
- Ranger-led hikes
- School tours (reservation required)
- Seasonal special events
- Volunteer opportunities
- Youth group camping (reservation required)

Birds of Prey Presentation

First Sunday of the Month at 11:00 a.m. (October – May)
Meet at the park office.

Ranger Guided Hikes

Second, Third, Fourth Sundays of the Month at 11:00 a.m. (October – May)
Meet at the park office.

Healthy Hike

Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. (October – May)
Not recommended for children.
Meet at the park office.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area

32132 Castaic Lake Drive
Castaic, CA 91384

Telephone: (661) 257-4050
Fax: (661) 257-3759
www.castaiclake.com



Park Hours:

Daily, Sunrise to Sunset, except December 25.

Campgrounds open daily

March 1, 2007 – November 3, 2007

Campgrounds open weekends only

November 4, 2007 – February 29, 2008

Swim Beach open daily

June 18, 2007 – September 4, 2007

Swim Beach open weekends only May 12, 2007 – June 17, 2007 and September 5, 2007 – September 16, 2007

Visit www.castaiclake.com/hours.htm for full 2007 park hours of operation.

Fees: Please call (661) 257-4050 or visit www.castaiclake.com for vehicle, boat, or camping fees.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area is a spectacular 8,700-acre facility not far from the Antelope Valley featuring two separate lakes. Located eight miles north of Six Flags Magic Mountain on Interstate 5, the recreation complex offers a wide variety of recreational activities including boating, jet skiing, fishing, swim beaches, family and group picnicking, hiking, jogging, recreational vehicle camping, group camping, and biking.

Facilities:

- 3 Launch Ramps (2 on the main lake; 1 on the lagoon)
- ADA Compliant Fishing Pier
- Boating Instructional Safety Center (BISC)
- Children's Play Areas
- Horseshoe Pit
- Picnic Areas (complete with covering and BBQ grills)
- Public Restrooms
- Swim Beach
- Welcome/Information Center



RECREATION PROGRAMS

Junior Lifeguard Program

9 to 17 years

Summer

Fee: \$250

For more information, please call (661) 257-4050, ext. 300.

Special Events

4th of July Fire Works-Musical Event *All Ages*

Wednesday, July 4, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge, except for a \$4.00 parking fee per car

Wake Fest

All Ages

July 2007, Date To Be Determined

Friends of Castaic Lake Night Bass Tournament

All Ages

Friday, July 27, 2007

Friends of Castaic Lake Night Bass Tournament

All Ages

Friday, August 24, 2007

Friends of Castaic Lake Night Bass Tournament

All Ages

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Float Fly – Canyon Crosswinds

All Ages

Saturday and Sunday, September 22-23, 2007

Catch a Special Thrill

All Ages

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Race Around the Lake

All Ages

Late October 2007

Saturday and Sunday, Date To Be Determined

Love Ride 24

All Ages

Sunday, November 11, 2007

Boat Parade

All Ages

Saturday, December 1, 2007

“Fishin’ Days” Carnival

All Ages

April 2008, Date To Be Determined

Fee: Free of charge

Big Blue Adventure Triathlon

All ages

April 2008, Date To Be Determined

Circle of Hope 5K

All Ages

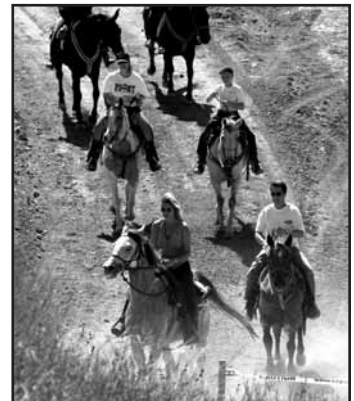
April 2008, Date To Be Determined

Castaic Town Council 5K

All Ages

April 2008, Date To Be Determined

For activity times, dates, fees, and additional information about any of the events, please call the Castaic Lake Park office at (661) 257-4050, ext. 300.



Tranquility Abounds at

Placerita Canyon Natural Area & Nature Center

19152 Placerita Canyon Road
Newhall, CA 91321
Telephone: (661) 259-7721
www.placerita.org

Hours:

Park and Trailheads open daily from Sunrise to Sunset.
Nature Center open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Placerita is a unique canyon featuring cool, shaded oak groves, a willow and sycamore-lined seasonal stream, and numerous other interesting plant and animal communities. The historic “Oak of the Golden Dream” is the site of California's original gold discovery in 1842. Another landmark in Placerita is the Walker Cabin built in 1920.

The Nature Center museum contains exhibits on the natural history of southern California, and there is a small collection of live animals. A network of self-guiding nature, history and hiking trails radiates out into the park from the Center, with longer hikes leading to a seasonal waterfall and to the top of the Santa Clarita Divide.

Facilities:

Classroom
Gift Shop
Live Animal Exhibits
Natural History Museum
Nature Center

Things to do:

Hiking
Live Native Non-releasable Animal Shows
Nature Birthday Parties (reservation required)
Organized Youth Group Camping (reservation required)
Outreach Presentations
School and Group Field Trips
Seasonal Nature Day Camps (reservation required)
Seasonal Special Events
Family Nature Walks: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., *Free*
Animal Presentations: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m., *Free*

For additional information, please call the park.

New Addition to County Parks –

Tesoro Adobe Historic Park

29350 Avenida Rancho Tesoro
Valencia, CA 91354
Telephone: (661) 702-8953

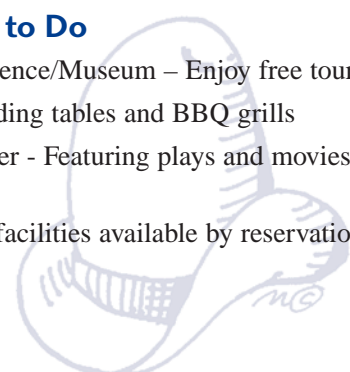
Hours: Open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



The Tesoro Adobe was built and owned in the 1920's and 1930's by noted western film actor, Harry Carey who was credited with at least 233 movies. During Carey's prolific film career, the western movie elite who visited the Tesoro Adobe included John Wayne, William S. Hart, and Gary Cooper. In June 2005, the County accepted the donation of the Tesoro Adobe Historic Park.

Facilities / Things to Do

- Tesoro Adobe Residence/Museum – Enjoy free tours
- Picnic areas – Including tables and BBQ grills
- Outdoor amphitheater - Featuring plays and movies about the Old West
- Wedding and event facilities available by reservation



Take a trip to Santa Monica Beach on the Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus



From May 28 through September 3, 2007, catch the Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus and enjoy the

surf, sand, and surroundings at Santa Monica Beach!! Buses are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

DAYS: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Labor Day

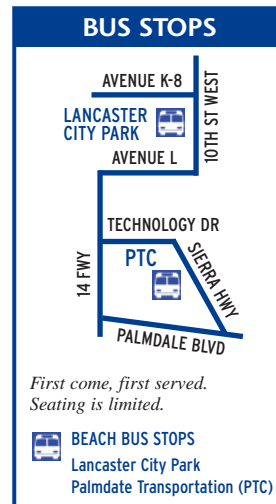
FARES: All Children and Adults \$6.00
 (Round trip) Sr. Citizens (62+)* \$2.00
 Persons with Disabilities \$2.00

*with proper identification

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Buses stop at the following Antelope Valley locations on their way to and from Santa Monica: **Lancaster City Park** and **Palmdale Transportation Center**

For the 2007 Summer Beach Bus schedule and more information, please call (888) 769-1122, or visit http://ladpw.org/PDD/Beach_Bus/



Adventure to Marina Del Rey

Burton Chace Park

13650 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
www.visitthemarina.com

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Bird Watching Experience

Thursdays, January through June

Morning and afternoon sessions are available for free two-hour walks within the Ballona Wetlands and shoreline habitats exploring marshes and nesting sites of the Great Blue and Black Crowned Night Herons.

Harbor Kayaking

Saturdays, March through October

Fees: Include all equipment, including kayaks. Learn basic kayaking instruction and water safety, and then explore the Marina's basins. For fee information or to register, call (310) 822-8530.

Surf Kayaking

Saturdays, March through October

With instruction from Ocean Lifeguards, experienced kayakers can surf waves on Santa Monica Bay aboard sit-on-top kayaks. For fee information or to register, call (310) 822-8530.

For more information on Outdoor Adventures Programs, please call (310) 822-8530.

FREE 2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Marina Del Rey Summer Concerts

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Call (310) 305-9545 for 2007 dates.

Discover Marina Del Rey Day

Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm

Marina Del Rey Holiday Boat Parade

Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Monday, December 31, 2007 from 11:59 p.m. – 12:05 a.m.



For more information about special events at Marina Del Rey, please call (310) 305-9545 or visit www.visitthemarina.com.

Please note that the Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus does not stop in Marina del Rey.

Learn about the Old West at the **William S. Hart Museum and Regional Park**

24151 North San Fernando Road
Newhall, CA 91321

Museum Information: **(661) 254-4584**

Park Information: **(661) 259-0855**

www.hartmuseum.org

Park Hours: Open Daily from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Museum Hours: (By guided tour only)

Early-September to Mid-June

Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(last tour at 12:30 p.m.)

Saturday - Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(last tour at 3:30 p.m.)

Mid-June to Early-September

Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(last tour at 3:30 p.m.)

Tours are *free* year-round.

William S. Hart, also known as "Two Gun Bill," was a popular cowboy actor during the silent film era. He donated his sprawling 265-acre ranch for the public to enjoy in nearby Santa Clarita Valley. The park features a western art museum, live animals including wild buffalo, and picnic facilities. Hart Park and Museum will be featured as one of Huell Howser's **California Golden Parks** on July 9 and 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. on KCET. Check your local listings for more information.

Facilities and Things to Do

- Barnyard Zoo – Featuring 60 animals such as American Bison (Buffalo), pigs, rabbits and sheep.
- Buildings – Enjoy free tours.
- Bunk House – A great venue for weddings/receptions, meetings and special events.
- Group camping (Reservations required)
- Group picnics
- Hart Residence/Museum and Historic Ranch



- Hiking and equestrian trails
- Hart Hall – A larger facility for weddings, community meetings, and large parties/gatherings.
- Senior activities

Special Tours and Programs

Special Barnyard Tour Programs can be arranged for groups. Please call and speak with the park's Animal Keepers to make reservations.

Docent Training. We are in constant need of volunteers to lead tours of the museum and to operate the Gift Shop.

For more information, please call the Park or Museum.



Special Events

Silents Under the Stars

Saturday, August 18, 2007

Join us for a showing of Bill Hart's silent movies with live musical accompaniment under the stars at his mansion each August. \$35 per person, includes tour, dinner, and movie. For information, visit **www.hartmuseum.org**

Native American Pow Wow Cultural Festival

Saturday, September 22, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 23, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Experience the Native American culture through enchanting music, beautiful dance, and appetizing food at the 14th annual Hart of the West Native American Pow Wow! Whether you are watching the dances or shopping among the vendors, there is fun for all!

Bow Wows and Meows Pet Adoption Fair

Sunday, October 14, 2007 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for pet friendly activities in October. There will be opportunities to adopt new pets, learn about their

care and watch demonstrations of pet gymnastics. Also featured is a smallest and biggest dog competition. Visit www.bowwowsandmeows.org or call (661) 297-5961 for more information.

Bill's Birthday

December 2007

This annual event is held in December and celebrates William S. Hart's birthday. The Mansion that is now a museum is adorned for the Holidays and filled with music from a choir.

Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival

April 2008, Dates to be Determined

This annual Santa Clarita festival features music, poetry, food, and cowboy gear. In cooperation with the City of Santa Clarita, Hart Park will be hosting some of the activities and events including the Chuckwagon Dinner

Show and a musical tribute to Will Rogers. Visit www.cowboyfestival.org for more information.

In addition, William S. Hart Park plays host to dozens of other activities through our partners in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, Friends of Hart Park, Natural History Museum and Santa Clarita Valley Commission on Aging.



Lancaster Museum & Art Gallery

44801 North Sierra Highway
Lancaster, CA 93534
Telephone: (661) 723-6250

Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays, holidays and between exhibitions

Admission:

Free (suggested \$1 donation)
Free school tours

The Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery features local, national, and international art and historical exhibitions from collections, private lenders, and other museums. This facility showcases seven to nine rotating exhibitions annually, as well as artwork and historical items including ancient Egyptian mummies, Mayan and Native American artifacts, antique automobiles, Civil War memorabilia, robotic dinosaurs, and artwork by Picasso, Renoir, Rembrandt, and Goya.

Frank Zappa: ROCK ICON & AV NATIVE SON

Did you know that Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and musical innovator, Frank Zappa, spent some of his teenage years in Lancaster and was a 1958 graduate of Antelope Valley High School? During his time in the Antelope Valley, Zappa developed his musical and artistic talent and was in local bands like the Blackouts and the Omens. Among his musical collaborators was fellow classmate and future rock icon himself, Don Van Vliet (later known as Captain Beefheart.)

Zappa went on to become an eccentric, yet accomplished, rock and jazz musician, classical composer, Grammy winner, and champion of First



Amendment rights and artistic expression. He achieved his greatest commercial success with the 1982 satirical hit "Valley Girl," featuring his daughter, Moon Unit Zappa.

This past winter, the Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery honored Zappa with an exhibit featuring Zappa artifacts including photographs, posters, sheet music, and instruments.

Visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art!

5905 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

For those interested in a memorable day trip, come and explore more than 100,000 works of art at LACMA, the largest encyclopedic museum in the West. Through its far-reaching collections, the museum is both a resource to and a reflection of the many cultural communities and heritages in Southern California.

LACMA

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LACMA is closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$9.00
Seniors (62+)	\$5.00
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$5.00
Children (under 17)	FREE

After 5:00 p.m. general admission to the LACMA is **FREE!**

LACMA Program Offers Free Admission to Youth 17 and Under!

Arts for NexGen, a LACMA program for youth, offers free admission to anyone 17 and under as well as one accompanying adult. To join, visit the LACMA box office or print the enrollment form and mail it in. For more information call (323) 857-6512 or visit www.lacma.org.

Some Current and Upcoming Exhibitions at the LACMA



Dan Flavin: A Retrospective

May 13, 2007 –
August 12, 2007

Salvador Dalí and Film

November 18, 2007 –
February 10, 2008



Sundays Live

FREE SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS AT THE LACMA

Sundays Live presents weekly classical chamber music concerts and recitals by premier professional artists from Southern California and around the world. These one-hour concerts are presented free to the public at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Leo S. Bing Theater at LACMA, and are broadcast live over KMZT 1260 AM. No tickets or reservations are required and all are welcome! For more information, visit www.sundayslive.org.



Discover the Museum of Natural History



900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 763-DINO
www.nhm.org

Children and adults alike are mesmerized by the Natural History Museum's trademark "Dueling Dinosaurs" skeletons and African and North American diorama halls filled with exotic mammal specimens in natural habitats. Science-themed galleries display birds, marine life, dinosaurs, prehistoric fossils, gems and minerals. History-themed sections depict life in California and the Southwest from 1540-1940, U.S. history from the Colonial period through 1914, and pre-Columbian archaeology. The hands-on Discovery Center allows children to handle a variety of specimens and explore a vast Insect Zoo. Outside the museum's south lawn, you can stroll through the Pavilion of Wings, an enclosed habitat for living butterflies. In the fall, when the butterflies are gone, the Spider Pavilion opens, and orb weaving spider varieties busily spin their webs in another living exhibit.



Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Admission is **FREE** on the first Tuesday of every month.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$9.00
Seniors (62+)	\$6.50
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$6.50
Children (13-17 yrs)	\$6.50
Children (5-12 yrs)	\$2.00
Children (under 5)	FREE

THINGS TO DO

(Please call the Museum for more information)

First Fridays

All ages

First Fridays is a discussion and performance series that elaborates on the issues raised by our current exhibits.

First Friday of the month. 2008 dates and times to be determined. Admission prices vary.

www.nhm.org/firstfridays

Critter Club

3 – 5 years

These popular events combine education about nature and science with fun. Events are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are required.

Year Round

Second Saturday of the month,
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Critter Club events are FREE
with paid museum admission.



Butterfly Pavilion

All ages

April 15, 2007 - September 3, 2007

Spider Pavilion

All ages

September 23, 2007 - November 4, 2007

Adventures in Nature

Pre-K – 8th Grade

This special hands-on summer camp is a fantastic way to encourage your child's interest in nature and science.

Year Round

Prices vary; Members receive discount.

For more information, visit www.nhm.org/register



Fossils Abound at the **Page Museum and La Brea Tar Pits**

5801 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90036
(323) 934-PAGE
www.tarpits.org

Page Museum **La Brea Tar Pits**

Take an expedition to the Page Museum of Los Angeles, the only city in the world that has a fossil treasure trove beneath gallons of oozing pitch blackness. Fossils of Ice Age creatures up to 40,000 years old are exhibited at the Page Museum. Mammoths, dire wolves, and saber-toothed cats are all found in the area known as Rancho La Brea. Outside the Page Museum are the famous La Brea Tar Pits, sticky asphalt pools that trapped and preserved prehistoric plant and animal life. Life-sized replicas of extinct mammals sit in some of the still-bubbling tar pits, and during the summer months, you can watch paleontology in action at Pit 91, the country's only urban fossil excavation site. Inside the Museum, look through the windows of the indoor fossil laboratory and watch as bones are cleaned and studied.

Hours

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Admission is **FREE** on the first Tuesday of every month.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$7.00
Seniors (62+)	\$4.50
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$4.50
Children (13-17 yrs)	\$4.50
Children (5-12 yrs)	\$2.00
Children (under 5)	FREE



THINGS TO DO

(Please call the Museum for more information)

Pit 91 (July 1, 2007 - September 10, 2007)
Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beginning July 1, the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits will open its famous “Pit 91,” where the annual excavation of Ice Age fossils takes place. Visitors watch from a special observation area as paleontologists and volunteers recover bones from beasts like saber-toothed cats and dire wolves that died in the sticky asphalt deposits 28,000 years ago. Since Page Museum paleontologists and volunteers began excavating Pit 91 in 1915, more than 250,000 fossils from over 650 different species of animals and plants have been recovered.



For more information on the history of Pit 91, please visit www.tarpits.org/research/pit91/pit91.html.

Return to the Ice Age: **The La Brea Exploration Guide**

Take a look at the extensive guide on www.tarpits.org/education/guide/index.html to discover and explore how the La Brea Tar Pits were formed, what types of plants and animals became trapped, and how scientists have used these fossil deposits to open a window into the world of prehistoric Los Angeles. This guide provides excellent information for educators and students.



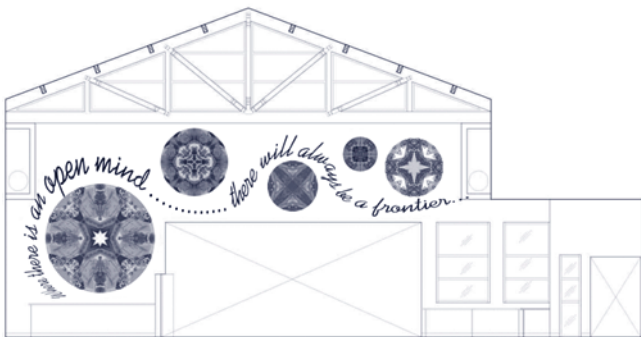
Los Angeles County Arts Commission

500 West Temple Street, Room 374
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 Telephone: (213) 974-1343
www.lacountyarts.org

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission works throughout the County to provide leadership in promoting cultural arts of all disciplines. The Commission operates arts education programs, provides summer arts internships to college undergraduates, provides grants to art organizations, oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, and produces free community programs including the nationally televised L.A. County Holiday Celebration and more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. Please visit www.lacountyarts.org for more information.

Artist Selected for Acton-Agua Dulce Civic Art Project

Artist **Anne Marie Karlsen** has been commissioned by the County of Los Angeles to create permanent artwork for the new Acton-Agua Dulce Library, due to be constructed in 2008. The new library, which will be located on Crown Valley Road, west of the 14 Freeway, will be designed by the Los Angeles-based Tetra Design Inc.



Karlsen, a Los Angeles resident, will collaborate with Tetra Design to create a multi-faceted interior artwork. The artist proposes combining vibrant colors with images that hark back to the region's rich history while also imagine the exciting future of the area. Karlsen works in a wide variety of media including glass, ceramics, porcelain, metal and vinyl. She has been commissioned for numerous public projects throughout the United States, including the FBI Headquarters in Chicago; Paseo Colorado in Pasadena; and the North Hollywood Red Line station. She also has artwork in museums throughout the world and has been teaching art in southern California since 1979.

SUMMER INTERNS GAIN EXPERIENCE IN ARTS



Each year, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission provides grants to over 90 performing, literary, media, and municipal arts organizations throughout

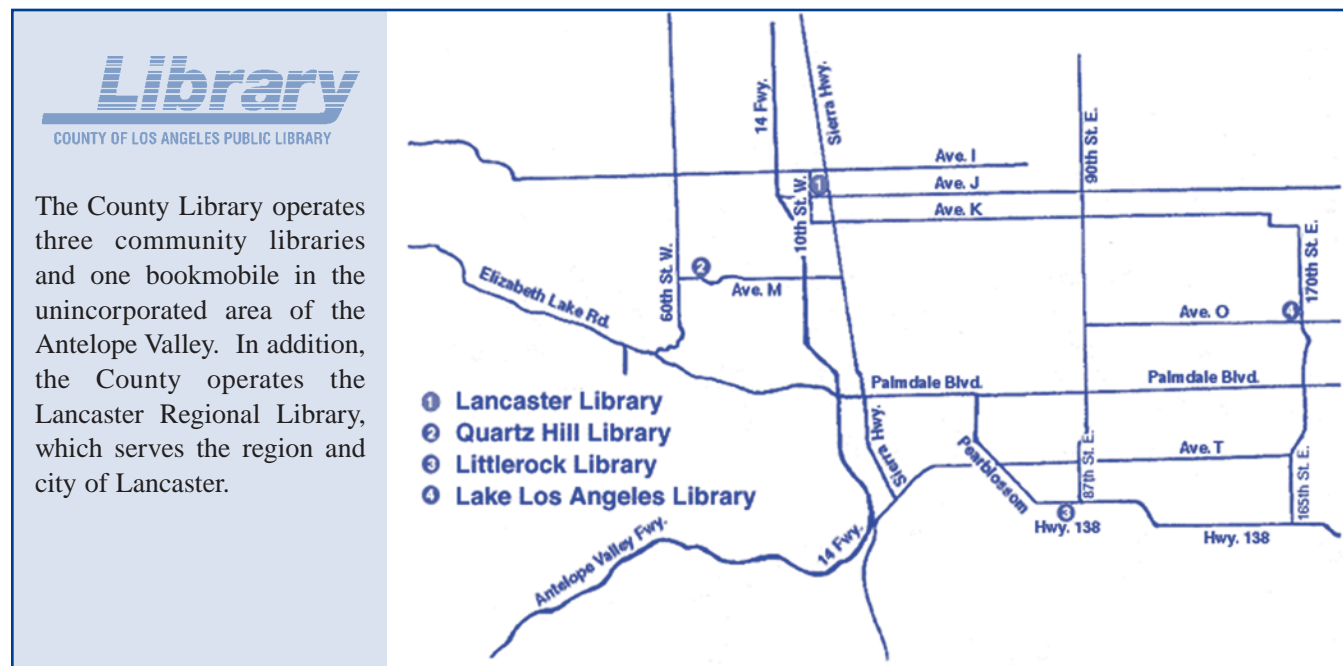
Los Angeles County to support paid, ten-week summer internships for over 130 college undergraduates.

The arts internships offered in the Antelope Valley include a Stage/Technical Production Intern and a Marketing/Arts Education Theater Intern at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center (www.lpac.org).

The Los Angeles County's Arts Internship Program is designed to provide undergraduate students with meaningful on-the-job training and experience in nonprofit arts organizations, while assisting arts organizations to develop future arts leaders. Through this program, students can develop a deeper understanding of the work involved in nonprofit arts administration, better understand the role of the arts in a community, and develop "real-life" business skills that can be put to use in their future careers.

If you are an interested undergraduate, applications for Summer Internships are generally due the second week of January. For more information, please visit www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html or call (213) 974-1343.

County of Los Angeles Public Library



Lancaster Regional Library

601 W. Lancaster Blvd.

Lancaster, CA 93534-3398

(661) 948-5029 / www.colapublib.org/libraries/lancaster

Hours: Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday CLOSED

The original Lancaster Library was established by the County in October 1912 at Antelope Valley Union High School which was located at Tenth Street (now Lancaster Boulevard) and Cedar Avenue. Subsequently, the Lancaster Library occupied spaces in a local drugstore, the Chamber of Commerce, the County Justice Court, and a site on Fig Avenue until the expanded Lancaster Library opened on West Avenue J in 1964. Due to rapid population growth throughout the Antelope Valley, the current Lancaster Regional Library was built in 1996 on Lancaster Boulevard in the Lancaster Old Town site.

The library, with an area of 48,721 square feet, features an adult reading room, a separate uniquely designed children's area, a young adult area, a circulation desk with 10 check-out terminals, a meeting room with a

capacity of 176, and ample free parking. The circulation area features a stained glass window of California poppies sponsored by the Friends of the Lancaster Library.

Events:

- **Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Starting September 4, 2007)
- **Toddler Storytime**
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (Starting September 10, 2007)
- **2007 Health Seminars**
2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
(Through December 12, 2007)
- **Friends of the Library Book Sale**
September 24-29, 2007

Please call the library for more events and information.



Lake Los Angeles Library

16921 East Avenue O, # A
Palmdale, CA 93591

(661) 264-0593

www.colapublib.org/libs/lakelosangeles

Hours: Monday - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

The Lake Los Angeles Library has served the community since 1992 and is housed in a 3,245 square-foot facility in the Saddleback Plaza Shopping Center.

Events:

- **Family Reading Festivals**
May (Spring) and November (Fall)
- **Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays in 6-week sessions at 10:30 a.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- **Lake LA Anime & Manga Club (Teens)**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Please call the library for more events and information.



Littlerock Library

35119 80th St. East
Littlerock, CA 93543

(661) 944-4138 / www.colapublib.org/libs/littlerock

Hours: Monday - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

The Littlerock Library is 3,680 square feet with ample parking, an expanded children's area, reading and periodical area, public Internet workstations, and a new parenting collection.

Events:

- **Game Day**
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- **Storytime**
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Book Club (Adults)**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Please call the library for more events and information.



Quartz Hill Library

42018 N. 50th Street West
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

(661) 943-2454 / www.colapublib.org/libs/quartzhill

Hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Quartz Hill is a Family Place library, offering a planned space for babies and toddlers and their parents to play with educational toys and enjoy specially selected books together. Family Place also connects parents with community resource people and services that can be of help to families.

Events:

- **Family Crafts and Games**
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**
Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Family Storytime**
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Please call the library for more events and information.

Antelope Valley Bookmobile

(661) 948-8270

www.colapublib.org/libs/antelopevalley



The Bookmobile is a “library on wheels” that provides service to rural and remote areas of unincorporated western Antelope Valley including Gorman, Three Points, Lake Hughes, Elizabeth Lake, Holiday Valley, Antelope Acres, Green Valley, and Leona Valley.

Route I Monday (bi-weekly)

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Gorman Plaza
49744 Gorman Post Road

Route II Monday (bi-weekly)

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Three Points
26867 Pine Canyon Road
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Avenue D (Hwy 138)
Mobile Home Park
(West Lancaster)

Route III Tuesday (weekly)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lake Hughes Papa's Store
17520 W. Elizabeth Lake Rd.
1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Greenside Grill
14700 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Route IV Wednesday (weekly)

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Holiday Valley (La Petite & Ave. D)
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Mettler Valley
28914 Benjie Way
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Antelope Acres Market
48011 N. 90th W.

Route V Friday (weekly)

9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Green Valley
15477 Spunky Canyon Road
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Leona Valley,
8854 N. Elizabeth Lake Road

For additional Bookmobile schedule information, please call (661) 948-8270. In the event the Bookmobile is unable to make a scheduled stop, all outstanding materials will be renewed.

New Library To Serve Acton/Agua Dulce!

The County Library has received state bond funding to build a new library which will serve the unincorporated areas of Acton and Agua Dulce. The 10,874 square-foot library is estimated to open in 2009 and will be located in Acton on the east side of Crown Valley Road, west of the 14 Freeway. The new library will be named the “Acton/Agua Dulce Christopher Colombo Breviadoro Library” and feature reading and storytelling areas, meeting/study group rooms, a homework center, and computer stations.

County of Los Angeles Public Library Offers Online Services

With a free County Public Library card, you can have access to a variety of helpful services from your own computer!

Bring the Library to Your Laptop!

With a County Library Card, you can have free remote web access to electronic journals and resources! You can find resources for: Business, Health, Kids, Magazines and Newspaper Indexes, and Reference.

Go to www.colapublib.org and click on the “Magazine and Newspapers Article Online Resources” icon in the middle of the page. Then select the database you want to use and enter your library card number to access the articles.

County Library Provides Free Online Homework Tutoring on Your Home Computer!

Live Homework Help (Grades 4–12) Every Day from 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Students (grades 4-12) with County Public Library cards can connect to live tutors over the Internet through this free online homework assistance program. Expert tutors will provide free homework assistance in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Live Homework Help is available in County libraries on any public access Internet computer as well as from home computers. Log on to www.librarytutor.org and use your County Library card to begin your session.



Consumer Health Information Program and Services (CHIPS)

CHIPS is a health information program sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Public Library and the Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Library. CHIPS provides answers to medical reference questions and circulates health materials. The program is designed to provide

current, accurate medical information and materials on request. You may call (310) 830-0909 or e-mail referenceservices@gw.colapub.org to contact CHIPS. Visit www.colapub.org/services/chipsites.html for links to medical informational Websites which CHIPS frequently uses.



Palmdale Station

750 East Avenue Q Phone: (661) 272-2400
Palmdale 93550 www.avheros.com

Other Phone Numbers

Crime Tip Line: (661) 272-2414
Narcotics Tip Line: (661) 272-2409
Uniformed Reserve Deputies: (661) 272-2416
Antelope Valley Mounted Detail: (661) 272-2416
To Volunteer/Community Relations: (661) 272-2400

Palmdale Station provides police service for the City of Palmdale, as well as 700 square miles of unincorporated County area from the Wrightwood ski area to Lake Hughes.

Located at the corner of Sierra Highway and Avenue Q, the new Palmdale Station began full operations in 2006. The new 47,000 square foot main building includes a 7,800 square foot jail and, with a large, spacious front lobby, the public can now be served quickly, efficiently and comfortably.



Lancaster Station

501 W. Lancaster Blvd. Phone: (661) 948-8466
Lancaster 93534 www.lancastersheriff.org

Need to report a crime anonymously?
Call (661) 948-COPS

Other Phone Numbers

Reserve Program: (661) 940-3882
Crime Prevention Program: (661) 940-3830
Volunteer Program: (661) 940-3830
Station Tours: (661) 940-3830
Child Safety Presentations: (661) 940-3830
Neighborhood Watch: (661) 940-3830
Seniors Against Victimizing
Elders (SAVE): (661) 940-3830

The Lancaster Sheriff's Station covers an area of more than 600 square miles, including the city of Lancaster and the communities of Lake Los Angeles, Quartz Hill, and Antelope Acres. Quality law enforcement services are provided for over 190,000 residents.



Vacation Check

Did you know that a Sheriff's Deputy or a member of the Volunteers on Patrol will check your home or business while you are away on vacation? For more information, please call **(661) 940-3830** (for Lancaster Station) or **(661) 272-2400** (for Palmdale Station).



Sheriff's Programs for Antelope Valley Residents

Antelope Valley Community Academy

Have you ever wanted to take a behind-the-scenes look at a sheriff's station? Now you can with the Antelope Valley Community Academy. The Community Academy is a **free** 12-week informational program designed to give citizens a better understanding of how law enforcement functions. Learn about the Sheriff's Department's many functions through fun and interesting activities including guest lectures, a patrol car ride-along, a tour of Pitchess Detention Center, and participation in realistic sample police scenarios. This popular program is a joint effort between the Lancaster and Palmdale Stations. For more information including schedules, please call **(661) 940-3831** for Lancaster or **(661) 272-2415** for Palmdale.

Resident Deputy Program: *Here to Serve You*

There are three resident deputies, one each assigned to the following areas:

1. Acton and Agua Dulce
2. Littlerock, Pearblossom, Valyermo, Llano, and Wrightwood
3. Leona Valley, Green Valley, Elizabeth Lake, and Lake Hughes

These deputies are responsible for general law enforcement duties, quality of life issues specific to their areas, as well as attending Town Council Meetings and special functions such as local parades. To learn more about the deputy assigned to your area, call your local Sheriff station.

The Antelope Valley Search and Rescue (SAR) Team

The Antelope Valley SAR



Team consists of highly trained Los Angeles County Deputies, Reserve Deputies, & civilian volunteer specialists who are prepared to respond to any wilderness emergency. The Antelope Valley SAR Team is also supported by trained mounted units and volunteers from the community. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, call **(661) 940-3882** for Lancaster or **(661) 272-2416** for Palmdale.

Youth Activity League (YAL)

Jackie Robinson Park, 8773 East Ave. R, Littlerock

The YAL provides a safe, supportive haven for counseling, tutoring, and after-school recreational activities for youth as viable alternatives to drug involvement and gang membership. Some of the activities offered through the Palmdale Station YAL program include: basketball, boxing, after-school homework tutoring, drill team and drum corps (which have participated in parades in the Antelope Valley). Some YAL field trips have included a tour of Edwards Air Force Base, the Getty Museum, the Museum of Tolerance, the Children's Museum, and college and professional sporting events. Call **(661) 944-2880** to get involved.



Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives (VIDA):

VIDA is a 16-week program for nonviolent at-risk youth ages 11-17. Participants can enroll in the program through a judge's order, a school, or by their parents. The program offers mandatory counseling with the parents and children, physical training, and field trips to a prison (Tehachapi or Lancaster) and the Museum of Tolerance. The program also offers tutoring to help students that are having problems in school. For more information, please call **(661) 265-0365** for Palmdale or **(661) 948-3000** for Lancaster.

Youth Explorer Program:



The Youth Explorer program is a volunteer program for youth between the ages of 14-21 years old, to learn about the law enforcement field. Participants must be of good moral character and have at least a "C" average in school. Participants train in the Explorer academy, which consists of approximately 184

hours of instruction. Upon completion of the academy, Explorers assist the Sheriff's Station with search missions, crowd assistance, crime prevention, and special events. For more information, please call (661) 272-2416 for Palmdale or (661) 940-3884 for Lancaster.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 7, 2007

The first Tuesday night of August is the annual National Night Out (www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno) when community members across the country participate in a variety of activities to take a stand against, drugs, gangs and violent crimes. National Night Out in the Antelope Valley, is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in partnership with the City of Lancaster Public Safety Office.

Annual Public Safety Expo

The Palmdale Sheriff's Department provides displays and informational booths at the Antelope Valley Mall designed to familiarize citizens with public safety. Please call the Palmdale Sheriff's Station for more information.

Christmas Toy Drive

Donations are accepted at the Palmdale Station from November through December 20 and distributed to families in need in the Antelope Valley.

For more information on Sheriff's Department programs, please call the Lancaster or Palmdale Stations.

California Highway Patrol



Antelope Valley Station
2041 West Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 948-8541

Traffic enforcement and accident investigations in the unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley are provided by the California Highway Patrol. If you have any questions related to traffic violations, accident reports, and vehicle impounds, please contact your local CHP office at the number listed above.

"Protecting Our Kids" – Keeping Children Safe on the Internet



Office of the District Attorney
210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-3512 / www.lacountyda.org

Much like the real world, the World Wide Web can be an inviting but dangerous place for children. Young people with unmonitored access to the Internet are exposed to a wide variety of risks, some of them life-threatening. When it comes to where and with whom our kids are allowed to play, what they watch on TV, and how they interact with strangers, responsible parents naturally exercise caution and oversight. We should be just as vigilant in safeguarding our children's Internet activities.

The Internet offers many benefits to children including valuable educational resources and communication tools, but it also offers kids easy access to a variety of objectionable and even dangerous material.

As a result, the District Attorney's Office has created the

"Protecting Our Kids" program to help parents and other concerned adults safeguard the Internet activities of young people. Protecting Our Kids gives parents, school librarians, and other adults in charge of supervising children's online computer activities the tools needed to protect kids from online predators and prevent them from engaging in Internet crime.

"Protecting Our Kids" can be accessed from the District Attorney's Web site at www.lacountyda.org. There, you can download pamphlets on Internet safety and read about:

- Real cases of Internet crime
- Parental control of the computer
- Megan's Law
- Instant messaging
- Blogs
- Chats
- Online games
- Juvenile crime online and parental liability





THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE

"Dedicated to the Community We Serve"

The Los Angeles County Police is responsible for providing law enforcement and security services to County Facilities including parks, beaches, performing arts facilities, and hospitals. The Los Angeles County Police has 500 sworn officers who patrol by foot, bicycle, vehicle, quad runner, horseback, and boat. During emergencies such as civil disturbances and public demonstrations, the Department is also responsible for law enforcement services in these facilities. All sworn members of this Department go through a Peace Officers Standards and Training program to prepare them for their role as law enforcement officers.

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE IS NOW HIRING!

If you think you have what it takes to become a Los Angeles County Police Officer and want a rewarding career serving your local community, contact the Recruitment Unit at (562) 940-7228 or visit our Website: www.lacpolice.org.



To report crimes that occur at County Parks or other County facilities, you can call (800) 834-0064.

The Los Angeles County Police provide law enforcement services through three Bureaus of the Department. The **Health Services Bureau** provides law enforcement service to Los Angeles County's major hospitals and approximately 35 health centers, including the High Desert Medical Center and County health clinics located in the Antelope Valley.

The **Facilities Services Bureau** patrols in and around County facilities, including County Libraries, Department of Public Social Services offices, and the Los Angeles County Civic Center.

The **Parks Services Bureau** serves the County's parks, regional recreation areas and performing art facilities such as the Hollywood Bowl and John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

To provide better service to the residents of the Antelope Valley, the Park Services Bureau opened a substation at 42043 50th Street West in Quartz Hill. Officers patrol your local Antelope Valley area community parks, Vasquez Rocks, and Devil's Punchbowl to ensure your safety at these facilities. **Report crimes or suspicious activities occurring at any of these facilities by calling (800) 834-0064.**

A collage-style poster for the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety. It features various images of police officers in uniform, some on horseback, some in vehicles, and some in group photos. The text "Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety" is at the top, and "county police" is in large letters in the center. At the bottom, it says "NOW HIRING" and provides the phone number "CALL 800-869-4555 or Go to: www.LACPOLICE.org".



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Antelope Valley residents are served by the following County fire stations:

**Fire Station #33 –
Lancaster Headquarters**
44947 Date Avenue
Lancaster, 93534

Fire Station #117 – Lancaster East
44851 30th Street East
Lancaster, 93535

Fire Station #129 – Lancaster
42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, 93534

Fire Station #130 – Lancaster
44558 40th Street West
Lancaster, 93536

Fire Station #134 – Lancaster
43225 N 25th Street W
Lancaster, 93534

Fire Station #135 – Lancaster
1846 East Avenue K-4
Lancaster, 93535

Fire Station #77 – Gorman Area
46833 Peace Valley Road
Gorman, 93243

**Fire Station #78 –
Elizabeth Lake Area**
17021 N Elizabeth Lake Road
Palmdale, 93550

Fire Station #84 – Quartz Hill Area
5030 W Avenue L-14
Quartz Hill, 93536

**Fire Station #112 –
CFF Antelope Acres**
8812 W Avenue E-8
Lancaster, 93535

**Fire Station #24 –
Palmdale Headquarters**
1050 W Avenue P
Palmdale, 93550

Fire Station #37 – Palmdale
38318 E 9th Street East
Palmdale, 93550

Fire Station #131 – Palmdale
2629 E Avenue S
Palmdale, 93550

**Fire Station #140 –
CFF Leona Valley**
8723 Elizabeth Lake Road
Leona Valley, 93550

**Fire Station #157 –
CFF Green Valley**
15921 Spunky Canyon Road
Green Valley, 91350

Fire Station #79 – Pearblossom
33957 Longview Road
Pearblossom, 93553

Fire Station #80 – Acton
1533 W Sierra Highway
Acton, 93510

Fire Station #81 – Agua Dulce
8710 W Sierra Highway
Agua Dulce, 91350

Fire Station #92 – Littlerock
8905 E Avenue U
Littlerock, 93535

**Fire Station #114 –
Lake Los Angeles**
39939 N 170th Street East
Palmdale, 93550

Fire Department Contact Information:

For Emergencies, Call 9-1-1!

Fire Department Non-emergency Antelope Valley Phone Number:
(661) 948-2631

Fire Prevention Office
335-A East Avenue K-6
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 949-6319

Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fire Prevention services are also available Tuesdays through Fridays from
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Department's Office in Lancaster City Hall.
The telephone number is (661) 723-6000.



Two New Fire Stations Coming Soon to Antelope Valley!

Two new L.A. County fire stations are being built to deal with the growing call volume in the Antelope Valley. Construction will start on these projects in Spring 2007 and the stations are expected to open in Spring 2008. The new fire stations will be contemporary, friendly, and energy-efficient station houses each initially housing a three-person Engine Company. One station will serve the west valley while the other will serve the eastside.

Fire Station 93 will be built at 55th Street East and Avenue R to help cover an operationally challenging remote section of east Palmdale. **Fire Station 136**, will be located next to Esperanza School at Town Center Drive and Bolz Ranch Road, will protect a geographically diverse area of the west Antelope Valley that includes areas with homes on steep hillsides with winding roads.

Programs and Safety Tips From the L.A. County Fire Department

Wildland Fire-Operation Evacuation

Be prepared to leave early to avoid danger to you and your family.

PREPARATION

- Back car in garage heading out.
- Close garage door, leave it unlocked, and disconnect automatic garage door opener in case of power failure.
- Place important documents, pet supplies, and other valuables inside car.

EVACUATION PLAN

- Identify exit routes from your home.
- Designated assembly points.
- Plan, review, and practice evacuation.

EMERGENCY HOME PROTECTION

- Close all windows and doors around home to prevent sparks from blowing inside.
- Turn on all lights in the house and yard. Your home will be more visible through the smoke or darkness.
- Shut off liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas valves.

DURING EVACUATION

- If you become trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself, and lie on the floor.
- Never leave your vehicle on the street or where it may impede fire equipment access up the canyon roads.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation or lie face down in a ditch.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE

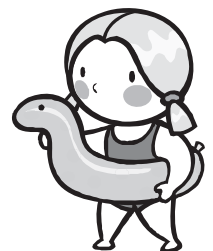
- Stay inside your house away from outside walls.
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked.
- REMAIN CALM. If it's hot inside, it's four to five times hotter and more dangerous outside.



Water Safety Tips from L.A. County Fire Department

Ninety percent of children who have drowned were actually being supervised by an adult at the time of the drowning. These adults were distracted by talking on the phone, reading, eating, or even sleeping while watching the children nearby the pool. This is where “active” supervision is important, where the adult keeps their eyes on those in the pool and pool area similarly as a lifeguard would.

Infants and toddler aged children are at most risk and parents/caregivers of these children who visit homes with pools or those who have their own pools must take caution.



Child wading pools and inflatable pools also carry similar risks, as children have drowned in these pools when left unattended and left filled with water. As for the larger inflatable pools, these are large enough to require fencing and electrical permits according to local county ordinances.

Tumbleweed burning rules from L.A. County Fire Department

- ✓ **Burning is only allowed between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**
- ✓ Go to your local fire station to obtain a burn permit.
- ✓ Inform your local Fire Station between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. the day prior to the burn.
- ✓ Don't burn if weather conditions are windy (over 5 mph). Extinguish fire immediately!
- ✓ Have at least a 30-foot clearance from all other combustibles.
- ✓ Have appropriate fire protection equipment to extinguish fire, including a minimum of one shovel and a charged hose or adequate water fire extinguishers.
- ✓ Piles shall be no larger than 10 feet in diameter and four feet high.
- ✓ Lots, fields, and standing crops are not allowed to be burned.
- ✓ Fire shall be extinguished by 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ At least one adult shall be present at all times.



Call Firefighter Program

The Los Angeles County Fire Department's Call Firefighter Program has been an integral part of the Department's emergency services delivery to the rural and remote areas of the Antelope Valley.

The Department currently employs about 100 Call Firefighters who operate as first responders and are under the supervision and direction of Fire Captains at the nearest fully staffed Fire Station.

How you can become a Call Firefighter:

The Call Firefighters Academy consists of eight hour training days held over eight Saturdays. Call Firefighters

must complete 40 hours of specific training annually and attend monthly drills at the jurisdictional fire stations.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
2. Possess a valid California driver's license.
3. Have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
4. Applicant must live within the jurisdictional area of the unit to which they will be assigned.



Call Firefighters must pass a pre-employment Medical Examination for the classification of "Arduous-Class IV" and their weight must be proportional to their height using the same standard that is used for the Firefighter classification. Applicants are also required to pass a Physical Agility test to ensure that they are physically capable of performing the duties. All persons applying for the position of Call Firefighter will be subjected to the standard background investigation used by the Department for all prospective employees.

Anyone interested in becoming a Call Firefighter should call **(661) 726-2802**.

Youth Explorer Program



The Los Angeles County Fire Department Explorer Program is designed for young adults from 15 to 21 years of age who are interested in learning about a career in fire service. The

program is a joint venture with the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to learning about the fire service, the Explorer program's main goal is to provide young adults with a sense of responsibility to their neighborhood through on-going community related activities.

The 25 youth who are accepted in the Explorer Program each year will be trained by professional firefighters and will learn: fire fighting skills, hose lay evolutions, ladder

techniques, salvage operations, wildland fire fighting procedures, proper use of fire fighting tools and equipment, breathing apparatus use and other related subjects.

Upon completion of the program, trained explorers will be qualified to ride along on an engine, truck or paramedic squad and respond to actual fires and medical emergencies. Explorers are also involved in various community service activities.

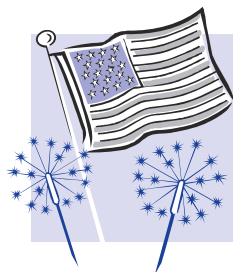
Join the team that is dedicated to saving lives and property and serving the community. For further information, please visit www.lacofd.org or call the Public Affairs Section at (323) 881-2411.



FIREWORK SAFETY

From the L.A. County Fire Department

Children are drawn to the excitement of fireworks, and nearly half of all fireworks-related injuries and deaths happen among children and teens. First, second, and third degree burns, loss of hearing, even blindness can be the lasting memories of what begins as a holiday celebration.



Who Are Likely to be Injured?

- The highest risks of firework injuries are among pre-teens and teens.
- For children aged 5 to 9, the rates of injuries from fireworks are more than double the average rates of firework injury for other groups.

- The rates for injury from fireworks in teens aged 15-19, is also double the rates of injury seen in the general population.
- Approximately one-third of eye injuries from fireworks result in blindness.
- Burns account for more than 50 percent of firework-related injuries, followed by lacerations and abrasions.
- A special note on sparklers: Sparklers burn at 1000 degrees at the end of the stick. Nearly half of all sparkler related injuries are among toddlers ages 0-4. Most are due to burns from other children, holding the stick improperly, and catching clothing on fire.

Dealing with Extreme Heat

HEAT DISORDERS



• Sunburn

First Aid: Take a shower using soap to remove oils that block pores preventing the body from cooling naturally. If blisters occur, apply dry, sterile dressings and get medical attention.

• Heat Stroke (Sun Stroke)

First Aid: Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. Move victim to a cooler environment by using fans and/or air conditioners. Try a cool bath or sponging to reduce body temperature. DO NOT GIVE FLUIDS.

FOR PETS, BE SURE TO:

- Keep water bowls filled.
- Insure animals have adequate shade.
- Never keep animals in vehicles during the day.
- Keep pet activity to a minimum.
- Take walks in the early morning or early evening.
- Don't let animals drink water from under cars or from street gutters.





The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Public Health (DPH) provide direct patient care and public health services for County residents. These departments operate hospitals, a multi-service ambulatory care center, and numerous health centers and clinics through the County's public/private partnership.

Breaking News!

New Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center To Be Built in Lancaster!

Starting in late 2008, construction will begin on a Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) in Lancaster to replace the existing, aging facility converted from the High Desert Hospital. The need for outpatient services at the High Desert outpatient health facility is estimated to grow from 113,028 to 154,403 visits between 2006 and 2010. To optimize patient care services and meet the projected outpatient needs, the County's new MACC facility will be approximately 124,000-square-foot and house an ambulatory surgery center, a clinic, and administrative support spaces. Services provided in the

ambulatory surgery center include outpatient surgery and special procedures. The clinic is planned to provide urgent care, pediatrics, adult internal medicine, women's health, oncology and chemotherapy, orthopedics, multiple medical and surgical subspecialties, and physical, occupation, and speech therapy. The facility will also house a laboratory, radiology department, pharmacy, and respiratory therapy. The project budget is estimated at \$98.8 million and is expected to be completed in December 2010.

The following are County-affiliated health facilities in the Antelope Valley to serve your needs:

MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

High Desert Health System

44900 N. 60th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

■ Family Medicine, Adult Primary Care, Pediatrics,
Urgent Care, Specialty Care, Women's Health

Information line	(661) 948-8581
To make/cancel an appointment	(661) 945-8205
Pediatric Clinic appointments	(661) 945-8368
AV Hope Center appointments	(661) 945-8448
To make a complaint (ask for a Patient Advocate)	(661) 948-8581

Hours:

Urgent Care:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
(Walk-in)

Adult Internal Medicine:

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(By Appointment)

Pediatrics:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Women's Health:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AV Hope Center:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Specialty Clinics:

By Referral

HEALTH CENTERS/COMMUNITY CLINICS

Antelope Valley Health Center

335B East Avenue K-6
Lancaster, CA 93535

■ Primary Care, Family Medicine

Information line	(661) 723-4511
To make/cancel an appointment (except Family Medicine)	(661) 723-4624
Family Medicine appointment (Primary care)	(661) 945-8205
To make a complaint (ask for a Patient Advocate)	(661) 948-8581

Hours:**General:**

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinic:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.)

Nurse Clinic (Triage) TB Screening, Information, and Referral:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.)

Tuberculosis M.D. Clinic (By appointment only):

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuberculosis Extended Role Nurse (ERN)**(By appointment only):**

Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic (Only the first ten NEW patients will be accepted per session)

Tuesdays A.M. Registration: 7:30 a.m.
P.M. Registration: 12:00 p.m.

Littlerock Community Clinic

8201 Pearblossom Highway
Littlerock, CA 93543

■ Personal Health Center, Primary Care

Information line	(661) 945-8508
To make/cancel an appointment	(661) 945-8205
To make a complaint (ask for a Patient Advocate)	(661) 948-8581

Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Antelope Valley Health Center

38350 40th Street East
Palmdale, CA 93552

■ Primary Care, Pediatrics, Urgent Care, Specialty Care

To make/cancel an appointment	(661) 945-8205
To make a complaint (ask for a Patient Advocate)	(661) 948-8581

Hours:**General:**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Urgent Care:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
(Walk-in)

Primary Care/Pediatrics:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(By Appointment)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(By Appointment)

Specialty Care:

By Referral

High Desert Health System

Glenchur Clinic

45120 N. 60th St West
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 948-8581

■ Family Medicine, Pediatrics

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lake Los Angeles Community Clinic

16921 E. Avenue O, Suite G
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

■ Primary Care

Information line	(661) 945-8488
To make/cancel an appointment	(661) 945-8205
To make a complaint	(661) 948-8581
(ask for a Patient Advocate)	

Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tarzana Treatment Center

907 West Lancaster Boulevard
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 723-4829

■ Primary Care, Pediatrics, Immunizations, Family Planning, Gynecology, Cancer Screening, Infectious Disease, Cancer

Visiting Nurse Community Services

(Primary Care services provided from a mobile van in the Lancaster/Palmdale areas – call first for weekly locations and times)

44733 N. Date St.
Lancaster 93534
(661) 942-2391

Rehabilitation Centers

Acton Rehabilitation Center

30500 Arrastre Canyon Road
Acton, CA 93510
(661) 269-0062

High Desert Recovery Services

44900 N. 60th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 945-8458

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center

38200 N. Lake Hughes Road
Castaic, CA 91310
(661) 257-2342
Alcohol/Substance Abuse





Keep the Antelope Valley Beautiful!

Department of Public Works – Environmental Programs
Healthy Planet • (888) CLEAN-LA • www.888CleanLA.com

Dispose of your household hazardous waste and old electronics for FREE at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)

Where: Antelope Valley Environmental
Collection Center
1200 West City Ranch Road
Palmdale, CA 93551

When: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The AVECC provides a safe, efficient, convenient place for all Antelope Valley residents to drop off household hazardous and electronic waste for free. Wastes that are accepted at the AVECC include old household cleaners, used oil, car batteries, TVs, computers, radios, cell phones, household batteries, pharmaceuticals, acids, insecticides, solvents, paints, and other chemicals. For a full list of accepted items, please visit www.ladpw.org/epd/avecc. Large appliances (e.g. refrigerators, stoves), waste tires, waste from businesses, and radioactive waste are not accepted at this center.



Since the opening of the center in August 2005, the center has been utilized to dispose of over 1.3 million pounds of household hazardous and elec-

tronic waste. The success in the operation of the center lies in the sound partnership between the County of Los Angeles, the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, Waste Management, Inc., and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

For more information, residents may call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.ladpw.org/epd/avecc.

Free Waste Tire Collection Events in the Antelope Valley



In Los Angeles County, approximately ten million waste tires are generated annually. Old tires that are illegally dumped or improperly stored can pose a serious threat to public health and safety, as well as to the environment. The result can be urban blight and significant costs to residents. Waste tires can serve as a nesting area for pests, a breeding ground for disease-spreading mosquitoes, and release toxic smoke if they catch fire.

To eliminate these problems and help the environment, DPW sponsors **FREE** waste tire collection events in Antelope Valley for County residents to drop off their scrap tires to be recycled. Last year, 12,180 tires were collected during waste tire collection events held in Antelope Valley in April and October 2006. The tires the County collects are recycled into beneficial materials such as playground fill and roofing shingles. As an added incentive, if you bring in discarded tires to these events, you will receive a coupon for a 15 percent discount on Bridgestone tires. The events are tentatively planned for the following locations:

46008 7th Street West – Lancaster
38510 Sierra Highway – Palmdale Youth Library
8505 East Avenue T – Littlerock
4859 West Avenue L-12 – Quartz Hill
17931 Sierra Highway – Canyon Country

For event dates, hours, and more information on waste tire collection events, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.ladpw.org/epd/tirerecycling/collection.cfm.



Smart Gardening Workshops

Help the environment by learning smart gardening techniques on backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening.



Please call **(888) CLEAN-LA** or visit **www.smartgardening.com** for additional information and to request a FREE Smart Gardening Video.

Smart Business Recycling Site Visits

The County has implemented the Smart Business Recycling Program for all unincorporated areas, including the Antelope Valley. This program is designed to help businesses reduce the amount of trash they generate and throw away – practices that will save your company money, conserve landfill space, and protect the environment. This program offers **FREE** on-site waste evaluations with recommendations to assist business owners and managers with enhancing their management of solid waste, and possibly reducing their waste disposal costs, as well.



Businesses can request a **FREE** evaluation and obtain other solid waste and recycling information by calling the toll-free Program Hotline **(800) 741-9236**, or by visiting **www.businessrecycling.com**.

Environmental Defenders



The Environmental Defenders Program reaches children in grades K-6 with important environmental messages through an exciting, interactive, multimedia in-school assembly. Students who pledge to become a Super Environmental Defender by taking specific actions to protect the environment receive a prize. Student lesson plans and other tools to create on-campus recycling and pollution reduction programs are also provided to schools and teachers **FREE** of charge.

To schedule an assembly, please call **(310) 551-5375** or book online at **www.ladpw.org/epd/defenders**.



Additional Environmental Services Offered by the County of Los Angeles

Bulky Item Disposal

Unincorporated County residents can drop off one bulky item per year at the Lancaster Landfill **free** of charge.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Clean Christmas trees are picked up at curbside or dropped off at set locations free of charge. Call **(888) CLEAN-LA** or visit **www.888CleanLA.com** for dates and information.

Sharps Disposal and Medical Waste

The Sharps Disposal by Mail system allows home users to dispose of sharps by mailing them to a resource recovery facility. For information, call **(877) WASTE-MD** or visit **www.wastemd.com**. Sharps may also be dropped off at the AVECC (see article below).

Free Trash Disposal Days

Unincorporated County residents can take up to one ton of trash to the Lancaster and Antelope Valley Landfills on "Free Dump Day," held in April and October.



Protect Your Community... Stop Illegal Dumping!

Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Hotline: **(888) 8DUMPING (838-6746)**



What Is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping is any unauthorized disposal of waste on any public or private property. Usually, people dump illegally to avoid collection and disposal fees, or because they believe proper disposal is just “too much trouble.”

Why is Illegal Dumping a Serious Problem for the Community?

Three key reasons: It affects your money, your health, and the environment. Specifically, illegal dumping lowers the quality of life for Antelope Valley residents by:

- Decreasing neighborhood property values;
- Costing taxpayers millions of dollars in clean-up costs;
- Posing safety hazards to residents, especially children;
- Providing a breeding ground for disease-carrying rodents, insects, and other vermin;
- Negatively impacting plants and wildlife;
- Being a community eyesore;
- Polluting surface and ground water; and
- Ruining wildlife habitat by disrupting natural land and water processes.

What You Can Do To Help:

If you witness illegal dumping taking place, report it immediately by calling the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at (661) 272-2400 or (661) 948-8466.

Illegal dumping locations and incidents can also be reported by calling (888) 8DUMPING or by filling out a confidential online reporting form at www.888CleanLA.com (scroll down to “Illegal Dumping”).

In addition to reporting illegal dumping, here are more ways you can also help keep your community beautiful and protect the environment:

- Dispose of your own waste properly and spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime.
- Secure debris transported in the back of your vehicle by using a tarp or other cover.
- Participate in clean-ups of vacant lots and sites used for illegal dumping.
- Support recycling programs in your community.

The **Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force** meets the second Wednesday of each month to discuss and coordinate illegal dumping prevention programs in the Antelope Valley. To get involved, please call **(626) 458-3583** or visit www.ladpw.org/epd/illdump/tf.cfm.

Meetings are held at:
Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

To learn more about illegal dumping, call **(888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)** or visit www.888CleanLA.com.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT. . .

State and County laws specify *strict penalties* for people convicted of illegal dumping, including:

- ✓ Seizure of your vehicle.
- ✓ Fines up to **\$10,000**.
- ✓ Up to six months in jail.





Join the Zoning Enforcement Team and Help Take Care of Your Neighborhood

Halt the spread of illegal and objectionable uses of properties and residences by reporting zoning violations through 2-1-1.



Some common zoning violations to watch for in the Antelope Valley involve include:

- Junk and Salvage Storage and Storage of Vehicles On Front Yards – Storage of materials or vehicles is not permitted on residential/agricultural vacant land. Vacant land must maintain vacant unless an approval for a land use has been issued.
- Commercial Vehicles Parking on Residential Properties or Streets.
- Commercial Businesses in Residential Zones.
- Yard or Garage Sales Between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Garage Conversions to Living Quarters.
- Inoperable Vehicle Storage – Vehicles not in an operable state may not be stored on private property.
- Single Family Residence Split into Multiple Units/ Unpermitted Additions – Changes to an existing property must conform to the laws and requirements in effect today. There are many requirements including those having to do with density, additional parking, and setback allowances, required by the County Zoning Ordinance. To find out more about residential requirements, please call **(661) 723-4475** or visit **www.planning.lacounty.gov**.
- Mobile Homes – Mobile homes can be used as a single family residence, second unit, or a caretaker's residence, provided the proper approvals have been obtained. Mobile homes are not permitted on private property unless approval has been granted from the Department of Regional Planning.

If you know of a situation that might be unsafe or that may be otherwise having a negative impact in your community, please file a complaint and provide us with the following information:

- Identify the specific complaint or nuisance.
- Provide your name, address, and telephone number (optional). If provided, this information is *kept strictly confidential* at all times.
- Identify the street address and house number (if you're not sure, provide the location of property, e.g. northwest corner of First and Main streets.)
- Provide any additional information that you think will aid in the investigation.



There are four ways to submit your complaint:

Telephone: **(661) 723-4475** or **(213) 974-6483**
or **2-1-1**
Fax: (213) 217-5108
Email: **agarcia@planning.lacounty.gov**
Mail: Department of Regional Planning,
Attn: Zoning Enforcement Section
Hall of Records (13th Floor)
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Visit your local Regional Planning Field Office

335A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 723-4475

Hours: M - W, and F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Protect Your Property Value

The County has stepped up its code enforcement efforts in the Antelope Valley by creating a Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT) that focuses on serious violations requiring the response of multiple County departments. Departments involved in this effort include Public Works, Regional Planning, Fire, Sheriff, the District Attorney, and Public Health/Environmental Health. Other County agencies are contacted as needed such as: Animal Care and Control, Children and Family Services, and Treasurer and Tax Collector Business License.

The NAT will visit a location together to inspect public nuisance conditions at commercial and residential properties and conduct follow-up inspections to assure compliance. The goal of this program is to improve the

living conditions for residents of unincorporated areas through the coordinated efforts of County agencies.

If you would like to report multiple, serious property or business code violations to the NAT, you can **call or fax** your complaint to:

Glenis McLeod,
NAT Coordinator
 Phone: **(661) 723-4440**
 Fax: **(661) 723-4435**



BEFORE



AFTER

If your complaint does not warrant a visit by the NAT, it will be referred to the appropriate agency and you will be notified accordingly.

Helping To Keep You Healthy and Safe in the Antelope Valley



The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, is responsible for protecting health and preventing diseases in the County by enforcing public health laws regarding food, housing, and the environment.

Food: Surprise, routine and complaint-related inspections are conducted at food establishments including restaurants, markets, bakeries, bars, stadium concession stands, and food carts/trucks to ensure that food is stored, prepared and served according to State and local laws.



Housing (including apartments, hotels/motels, and condos): Routine inspections and complaint investigations are made to ensure that all housing units are kept clean, free from vermin (cockroaches, rats and mice) and in good repair. Common housing complaints include:

- Vermin
- Leaky plumbing
- Damaged floors, walls, and ceilings
- No water/no hot water
- Broken windows or missing screens
- Mold
- Chickens/roosters
- Overflowing sewage
- Green or black water in swimming pools
- Dog droppings
- Overflowing trash

General: Environmental Health is also responsible for inspections at theaters, laundries, vacant lots, ocean water, landfills/dumps, stadiums, fairs, carnivals, and public/private swimming pools.

Complaints:

To make a complaint or request information, the following offices serve the Antelope Valley.

FOOD INSPECTIONS ONLY:

Antelope Valley District Office

335A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 723-4533

Mountain & Rural Program

5050 Commerce Drive, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 430-5380

HOUSING AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS:

North Housing Office

6851 Lennox Avenue, Suite 310, Van Nuys, CA 91405
(818) 902-4470

Mountain & Rural Program

5050 Commerce Drive, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 430-5380

Complaints can also be filed online at
<http://lapublichealth.org/eh/ehcontact.htm>.

Protect Your Pets!

Animal Care and Control



Lancaster Shelter
(Serving the Antelope Valley)
 5210 W. Ave. I
 Lancaster, CA. 93536
 (661) 940-4191

Shelter Hours

Monday-Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Friday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays & Holidays: Closed

Emergency Animal Care and Control services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week

The Department of Animal Care and Control provides the following services:

- Investigations when animal cruelty is suspected;
- Transportation of injured animals for veterinary treatment;
- Investigation of complaints about dangerous dogs or excessive barking;
- Issuance of pet licenses;
- Provision of emergency pet evacuations during natural disasters;
- Collection of stray and deceased animals; and
- Low-cost dog vaccination and licensing clinics.

Please contact the Lancaster Shelter to request service or if you have any questions relating to licensing and care of dogs, cats or other pets.

Lost Pets: Any stray animal found within the Antelope Valley should be brought to the Lancaster Shelter. Pet owners are encouraged to visit the shelter in person to identify lost pets. Be sure to bring identification to prove ownership. Visit <http://animalcontrol.lacounty.gov> to view photos of lost pets brought to the shelter.

Animal Abandonment: You are subject to a \$1,000 fine or six months in jail for abandoning any animal.

Adopt A Pet: If you are considering bringing a pet into your family, please consider a shelter pet. The County's

shelters have animals of all shapes and sizes looking for that special someone to come and adopt them. Adoption fees for first time adoptions are \$32 for cats and \$37 for dogs. Fees include the pets initial vaccinations, spay/neutering, and a microchip.

Mandatory Spay/Neuter and Microchipping For Dogs

In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of stray dogs at the County Animal Care and Control shelters, an ordinance went into effect on March 1, 2007 that requires all residents of unincorporated areas to have their dogs spayed or neutered and have an identification microchip implanted.

Microchipping your dog is **free**. To receive more information on how to comply with this ordinance, reduced costs to spay/neuter your dog, exemptions from compliance with the ordinance, dog licenses, and senior citizens discounts, you can call the Lancaster Shelter, the Department's Spay/Neuter Program at (562) 256-7104, or visit <http://animalcontrol.lacounty.gov>. If your dog has already been spayed/neutered and has an identification microchip implanted, you must submit the dog's microchip number to the Department of Animal Care and Control to be in compliance with the ordinance.

New Animal Shelter Planned for the Antelope Valley!

Los Angeles County recently approved plans to build an additional animal shelter in the eastern part of the Antelope Valley to help cover the vast territory that is currently served by the Lancaster shelter.

The new shelter is estimated to be completed in 2009. Highway 14 will likely be the dividing line for the jurisdiction between the new shelter and the current Lancaster shelter. The location of the new shelter will be decided in Spring 2007.



Convenient Services for You Online With the LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



Toll-free Property Tax Hotline: **(888) 807-2111**

ttcmail@ttc.lacounty.gov

<http://ttc.lacounty.gov>

Main Treasurer and Tax Collector Office

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (First Floor)

225 North Hill Street

Los Angeles, 90012

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lancaster Field Office

335A East Avenue K-6

Lancaster, 93535

(661) 723-4492

Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NEW PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION WEBSITE

A new Website has been designed to provide taxpayers with answers to common questions related to property taxes and assessments. In addition, the new site offers detailed information on how to read tax bills and contact the various county offices involved in the assessment and tax process. Please visit the site at **<http://lacountypropertytax.com>** for additional information.

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES

Annual tax bills are mailed each year during the first week of October. If you do not receive your bill by November 1, contact the Treasurer and Tax Collector immediately; state law still requires that you pay your bill on time. The First Installment must be received or postmarked by **December 10**. The Second Installment must be received or postmarked by **April 10**. Payments not postmarked by the postmark due date are delinquent, so please mail your payment early to avoid any late payment penalties.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Besides being able to pay property taxes by check and credit cards (current year only), taxpayers can now make a payment online conveniently and securely using their checking account free of charge with V-Check. For more information, go to **<http://lacountypropertytax.com>** and click on "Payment Options."

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, there are programs available to postpone payment of your taxes or provide payment assistance. For more information, please call **(213) 974-7222** and ask to speak with a Senior Citizen Representative.

There is also a special program for military personnel and payment plans for delinquent taxes. Please call **(888) 807-2111** for more information on payment assistance programs.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Certain types of business activities in the unincorporated area of the County require a County Business License. To determine if you need a license to operate your business, please call **(213) 974-2011** or visit the Lancaster Field Office listed above.



Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department

Customer Service: (323) 890-9800
<http://cssd.lacounty.gov>

The mission of the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) is to improve the quality of life for children and families in Los Angeles County by providing timely, accurate, and responsive child support services. The CSSD offers the following services free of charge:

- Locating parents and establishing paternity (legal fatherhood) of children;
- Establishing and modifying court orders for child support;
- Collecting and distributing court ordered support; and
- Working with other counties, states and countries to obtain child support.

Antelope Valley CSSD Field Office
1050 East Palmdale Blvd.
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 223-5869



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Child Support Services Department



Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Offers Services To Antelope Valley Community Through the Lancaster District Office



The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) serves the communities of Los Angeles County by offering many of its traditional services through District offices. Currently, there are six RR/CC District offices throughout the county, including one located in Lancaster to serve Antelope Valley.

Lancaster District Office

1028 W. Avenue J-2
Lancaster, CA 93534

(661) 945-6446

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Lancaster office offers the following services:

- Birth, death, and marriage records/certificates
- Marriage licenses (same day service before 3:00 p.m.)
- Marriage ceremonies (Fridays, by appointment)
- Voter registration
- Recording of real property documents (accepted between 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- Notary oaths (by appointment only)
- Fictitious business name filings (8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- Domestic partnership statements
- Candidate filings for elections
- Absentee ballot applications
- Voter abstracts
- Certified copies of real estate documents

For more information regarding RR/CC services and branch locations, please call the information line at **(800) 815-2666** or visit the RR/CC Website at **www.lavote.net**.

Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures



Antelope Valley Public Office
335A East Avenue K-6
Lancaster, CA 93535
Hours: Monday-Friday,
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Phone: (661) 723-4485

You can turn to the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department to protect the health and safety of your community and improve the quality of the environment through the enforcement of Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

Here are some services provided by the Department. For more information, visit <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>.

Pesticide Misuse or
Illness Investigations (626) 575-5466

Brush Abatement, Rubbish Removal (626) 575-5484

Desert Native Plant Issues (661) 723-4485

Utility Meter (gas, water, electric);
Food Scale (markets, delis, etc.); and
Packaged Goods (short weight, count,
measure, etc.) Inspection and Complaints (800) 665-2900

Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints (800) 665-2900

Pest and Weed Control Information/
Services (626) 575-5462

Pest or Insect Identification (562) 940-7234

Plant Disease Information (562) 940-7236

Bee Complaints (800) 925-3800

Substandard Produce/Eggs Complaints (562) 940-7803
and Investigation of fruits/produce
brought into Los Angeles County

COYOTES?

To report coyote related complaints, please call
(626) 575-5462.

Buyer Beware Program – Protecting you from Scanner Overcharges



Did you know that when you buy an item in a retail store, the price scanner could be overcharging you? Inspections reveal that such errors sometimes occur and often involve items with special promotional offers and markdowns for which price information has not been updated in the scanner system. You are legally entitled to the lowest advertised or posted price offered in a store for any item you are purchasing.

The Buyer Beware Program requires all stores with automated price scanner systems to register with the

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and provides for routine inspections of stores to monitor price accuracy. The goal of the program is to reduce overcharges, raise awareness of consumers and business operators to price accuracy issues, and provide information with which shoppers can decide where they choose to do business.

Be sure to check your receipt when you shop. If you would like to report an overcharge, call (800) 665-2900 or visit us at <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us> to register a complaint. A list of businesses which have been fined for overcharges can also be accessed at the ACWM Website.

New Health and Human Services Website!



www.LACountyHelps.org

The LACountyHelps.org Website provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits. Users will receive interactive contact information with links to local County offices which provide the services and driving directions to these offices.

Among the services included on the site are:

- Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids
- Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Los Angeles County Alcohol and Drug Program
- Child Care Resources and Referral Information
- CalWORKs
- Adoption Services/Foster Family Recruitment

The Website is designed to be easily navigated and includes a video tutorial demonstrating basic computer skills and how to use the site. The site is available in both English and Spanish, with plans to expand to other languages in the near future.

The Program with a Heart



The Toy Loan Program is a joint volunteer effort by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services which loans toys to children in the community at no cost. Much like a library, Toy Loan participants, borrow toys that are “checked out” by “Toyrarians” overseeing the program.



Toy Loan has an honor code and merit system to help children develop a sense of responsibility and gain praise and recognition for returning the toys in good condition. The Toy Loan Honor Code consists of the following values: Promptness, Responsibility, Courtesy, Honesty, Cleanliness, and Cooperation.

Individuals, toy manufacturers and other companies donate toys, new and used, that are refurbished for the free program. Also, monetary donations are welcome year round. All donations made to the program are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible.

You are invited to visit the Toy Loan Centers in the Antelope Valley at:

- **Stephen Sorensen County Park**
16801 East Avenue P, Lake Los Angeles
- **Jackie Robinson County Park**
8773 E. Avenue R, Littlerock
- **Life Steps Toy Loan Palmdale**
39055 10th Street West, Palmdale
- **Pearblossom County Park**
33922 N. 121st Street East, Pearblossom

For more information including Toy Loan Center hours, additional Toy Loan locations in the County, or how to make donations, please call **(213) 744-4344** or visit **www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyloan**.



Do You Need Assistance With Your Home or Business? **County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission**



2 Coral Circle
Monterey Park, CA 91755
Phone: (323) 890-7001
www.lacdc.org

The Community Development Commission (CDC) administers various programs that provide financial and technical assistance to individuals seeking to buy or repair a home, start a business, or expand their business. These are some residential and business opportunities available to you through the CDC.

Residential Opportunities

- **Home Ownership Program:** Provides down-payment assistance to low-income, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home. For more information, please call (323) 890-7281.
- **Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program:** Offers first-time homebuyers a Federal income tax credit that reduces the amount of federal taxes the holders of the certificate would pay and can help first-time homebuyers qualify for a loan. For more information on how to apply, call (323) 890-7034.
- **Single Family Grant Program:** Assists low-income qualified owners with funds for repairs such as electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing, and elimination of code violations. Property must be in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, call (323) 890-7239.

Business/Community Development Opportunities

- **Business Loan Programs** are available to a wide range of businesses, large and small, commercial to industrial. A variety of low-interest loans includes the following:
 - ✓ County Business Loan Program
 - ✓ County Technology Loan Program
 - ✓ County Utility Loan Program
 - ✓ County Float Loan Program
 - ✓ County Development Loan Program

For more information on business loans, call (323) 890-7100.

- The **Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)** funds various Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) including the CBOs listed below who provide services in the Antelope Valley.

✓ **Antelope Valley Hospital District** provides home visitation to at-risk families, during pregnancy or beginning at birth, to provide important parenting and life skills. (661) 726-6450

✓ **Junior Blind of America** operates the Infant-Family Project, providing critical home-based intervention services for blind or visually impaired infants and toddlers. (323) 295-4555



✓ **Shelter Partnership** collects and distributes clothing and household items to homeless shelters through their Shelter Resource Bank. (213) 688-2188

✓ **Sun Village Chamber of Commerce** assists homeowners with minor repairs through its Handyworker Program, and provides job training and employment opportunities. (661) 944-1846

✓ **Housing Rights Center's** Fair Housing Assistance Program, educates the public on their rights to fair housing and works with the housing industry to ensure that existing fair housing laws are followed. (800) 477-5977

CBOs can apply for CDBG funding annually from July 1 until September 30. Agencies must provide services that benefit low to moderate income individuals and/or families, or services to eliminate slum/blighted conditions within unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County. For more information on CDBG, please call (323) 890-7220 or visit www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/CDBG/Home.aspx.

Department of Consumer Affairs



500 W. Temple St., Room B-96

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Toll-Free Number: (800) 593-8222

<http://lacountydca.info>

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is the largest local consumer protection agency in the United States providing assistance with consumer and business concerns to create a fair and vibrant marketplace. All of DCA's services are free. Some services offered include:

Consumer Protection

(800) 593-8222

Counselors answer questions about purchases, credit, automobiles, landlord tenant, identity theft and other consumer problems. DCA will investigate your complaint or provide counseling and referrals.

Dispute Settlement Service

(213) 974-0825

Instead of going to court, neutral and unbiased mediators can help you resolve disputes with neighbors, businesses, and others.

Small Claims Advisors

(213) 974-9759

DCA can help you with a Small Claims Court case. Advisors will give you the information you need to:

- Get your case started
- Serve court papers
- Prepare for court
- Collect or pay a judgment

Senior Abuse and Fraud Protection

(213) 974-9778

Staff investigates cases of financial fraud and abuse against seniors. This effort is in partnership with the Department of Community and Senior Services. "Smarter Senior Forums" are also conducted to educate the public about:

- Elder abuse
- Independence and safety at home
- Fraud, scams, and identity theft

Real Estate Fraud and Homeowner Assistance

(800) 973-3370

DCA provides counseling, investigates complaints, and serves as the central reporting agency for real estate fraud. DCA can help you with problems concerning:

- A home purchase or sale
- Refinancing
- Dealing with contractors
- Real estate fraud
- Foreclosure
- Undeveloped land sales

DCA has a branch office at the Lancaster Regional Library located at 601 W. Lancaster Blvd. The office is open on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please call **(661) 726-7550** for more information.



DID YOU KNOW ???

Antelope Valley residents can call the **Los Angeles County Operator** service to contact any County department toll-free. Dial **(661) 272-0964** and an operator will connect you to any County number so you will not have to worry about paying out-of-area calling fees.

Protect Yourself From Identity Theft!

It's easier than you think!

WARNING SIGNS

Here are the most common signs of identity theft:

- ✓ Your credit card statement has charges you did not make.
- ✓ You get bills for accounts you never opened.
- ✓ You are denied credit for no apparent reason.
- ✓ Money is missing from your bank account.

Protect Yourself

- Review your credit report for accounts you did not open and for account balances that are suspiciously high.
- Shred bank and credit card statements before you throw them away.
- Collect your mail right away and do not send bill payments from home. Thieves can steal incoming or outgoing mail that contains your financial information.
- Guard your Social Security and Driver's License number. Do not carry your Social Security card or number in your wallet.
- Always take receipts. Do not leave ATM, credit card or gas station receipts behind.
- Keep an eye on your credit card. Criminals can use small devices called skimmers to collect information on your card.
- Do not respond to e-mail messages or telephone calls asking for personal and financial information.



Get Your Free Credit Report

Check for identity theft by reviewing your credit report at least once a year. You can get a free credit report every 12 months by calling (877) 322-8228 or online: www.annualcreditreport.com

If Your Identity is Stolen

1. Get a copy of your credit report. Note accounts you did not open and suspiciously high account balances.
2. Contact the major credit reporting companies. Ask them to place a "Fraud Alert" on your report. This alerts businesses to verify your identity before issuing credit and stops thieves from opening new accounts in your name.

Credit Agencies to Contact

Equifax: (800) 525-6285, www.Equifax.com

Experian: (888) 397-3742, www.Experian.com

Trans Union: (800) 916-8800, www.TransUnion.com

3. File an "Identity Theft Police Report" at your local police station and keep a copy.
4. Contact companies that have reported accounts you did not open or charges you didn't make. Send them a copy of your police report and a certified letter disputing the fraudulent charges. An "Identity Theft Affidavit" and sample letters are available on the DCA website.
5. Keep a record of your calls and letters.

Getting Help

Call us for help. We can:

- Provide counseling and investigate your complaint.
- Help you dispute accounts you did not open and charges you did not make.
- Help you remove wrong information from your credit report.
- Provide sample letters to help you in clearing up your identity theft problems.



Please contact us for more information or to speak with one of our counselors at (800) 593-8222.

County of Los Angeles STRATEGIC PLAN

COUNTY VISION

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **A can-do attitude** – we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** – we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** – we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** – we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** – we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** – we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** – we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

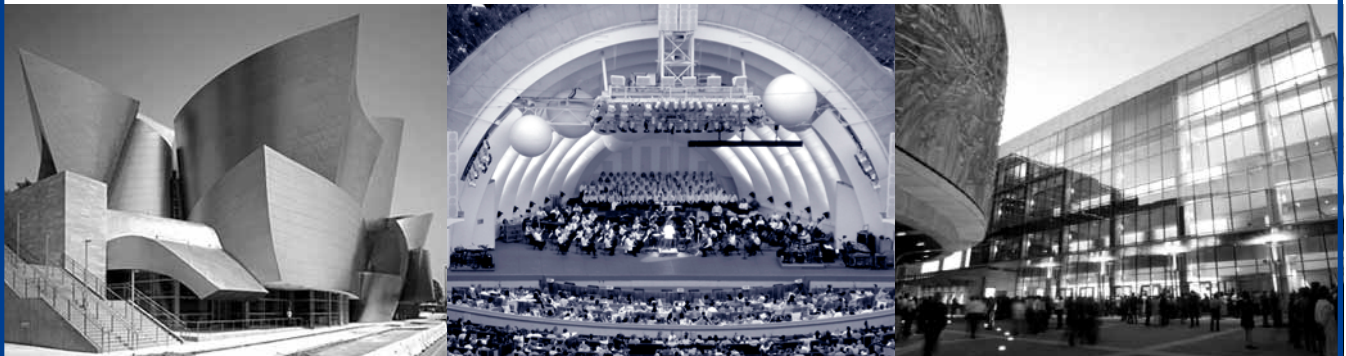
- A capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

COUNTY MISSION

To enrich lives through effective and caring service.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Service Excellence | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence | 6. Community Services |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility | 8. Public Safety |



BREAKING NEWS!

ANTELOPE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PRIDE MONTH

In April 2007, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force, the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and Waste Management, sponsored Antelope Valley Environmental Pride Month to help increase environmental awareness and keep the region clean and beautiful. Visit www.888CleanLA.com for more information.



Highlights of Environmental Pride Month included:

- ◆ Over 50 tons of computers, cell phones, televisions, used motor oil, paint, automobile batteries, and other hazardous materials were collected and recycled at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) which held two collections of household hazardous and electronic waste items.
- ◆ Over 8,500 passenger tires were collected and recycled at free Waste Tire Collection Events to help prevent the potential public health, environmental, and safety hazard posed by waste tires.
- ◆ A Smart Gardening workshop was held to help residents improve their yards and gardens, recycle yard waste and kitchen scraps, and create water-wise landscapes.
- ◆ Over 350 tons of trash were dropped off at Free Dump Day where unincorporated area residents were able to drop off up to one ton of trash, free of charge, at Lancaster and Palmdale Landfills.



THE 48TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SEEKS APPLICANTS!



The Los Angeles County Arts Commission produces the Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center in Downtown

Los Angeles each year on December 24. Community and professional choirs, music ensembles, folk and traditional artists, and dance companies from all around the County perform at the program to honor the spirit of many cultures and holiday traditions through music, song, and dance. The six-hour show is free and open to the public at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and also broadcast live throughout Southern and Central California on KCET.

Antelope Valley performing arts groups and organizations have long been a part of this holiday tradition which has featured performances by the Antelope Valley High School Vocal Music Travel Ensemble, Palmdale High School Choral Union, Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble, and the Gospel Music Workshop of America of the Antelope Valley.



Youth and adult choral groups, music ensembles, and dance companies interested in applying to participate in the 48th Annual Holiday Celebration can visit the Commission's Holiday Celebration Website at www.lacountyarts.org/holiday.html for more information about the program and the application process. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, August 8, 2007**.



NATURAL BEAUTY

in the Antelope Valley



Photos courtesy of Jack Farley, Jonathan Numer,
and Joe Decruyenaere.



*Photos courtesy of Jonathan Numer, Jack Farley,
and the State of California.*

Did you know that you can dial **2-1-1** to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other health and human services resources?

As a resident of an unincorporated area in Antelope Valley, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of municipal services, including code enforcement at no cost to you. The 2-1-1 information service is provided in many languages. 2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is *confidential*.

If you are unable to access **2-1-1** directly, please call **(800) 339-6993** or visit the 2-1-1 LA County website at **www.211LA.org**.

NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1.



¿Sabía usted que puede llamar al **2-1-1** para recibir información en cuanto a comida de emergencia y refugio, servicios para ancianos, cuidado para niños, recursos de empleo, cuidado de salud a bajo costo, apoyo relacionado con problemas con alcohol y drogas, oportunidades como voluntario, y muchas otros recursos de servicios humanos y salud?

Como residente del área no incorporada en Antelope Valley, usted simplemente puede marcar el 2-1-1 para obtener una variedad de servicios municipales, incluso refuerzo de código sin costo alguno. Se brinda el servicio de información del 2-1-1 en muchos idiomas. 2-1-1 funciona las 24 horas al día, 7 días de la semana. La información que usted brinde a los consejeros de recursos es *confidencial*.

Si usted no puede obtener acceso al **2-1-1** directamente, favor de llamar al **(800) 339-6993** o visite el sitio web del 2-1-1 del Condado de LA en **www.211LA.org**.

AVISO: En caso de una emergencia, usted aún tiene que marcar el 9-1-1.



Visit the County of Los Angeles Website at **www.lacounty.info**

If you have any comments on your Antelope Valley Connection, write to:

County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects (OUAS&SP)
723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

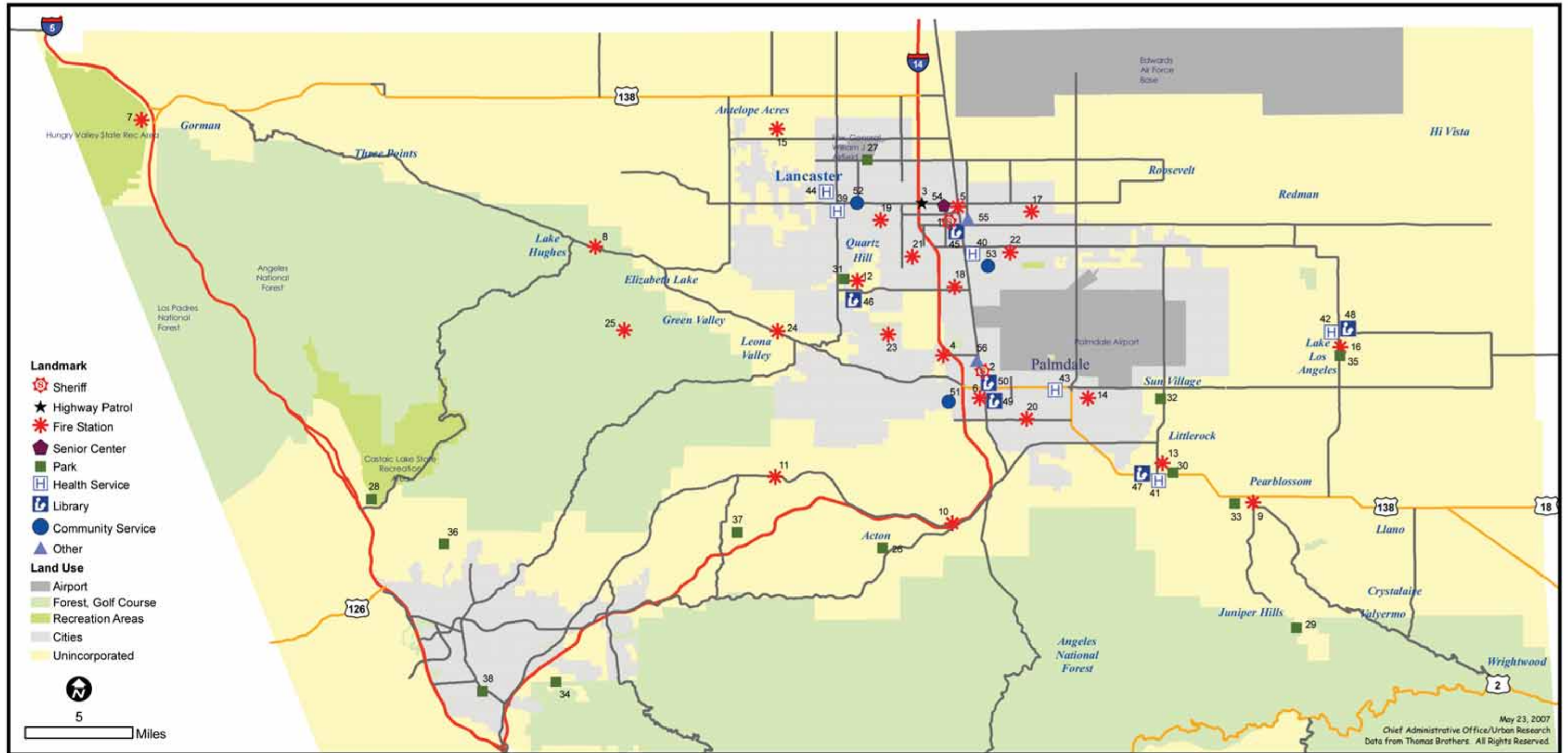
Or E-mail your comments to: **uas@ceo.lacounty.gov**

Antelope Valley AT-A-GLANCE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

LA County Operator (To call out-of-area County Departments toll free) **(661) 272-0964**

2-1-1 LA County Information	2-1-1	Illegal Dumping Hotline	(888) 838-6746
Air Quality Concerns	(800) 288-7664	Libraries	
Animal Care and Control		Lancaster Regional Library	(661) 948-5029
Lancaster Shelter	(661) 940-4191	Lake Los Angeles Library	(661) 264-0593
Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center	(888) CLEAN-LA	Littlerock Library	(661) 944-4138
Board of Supervisors		Quartz Hill Library	(661) 943-2454
5th District AV Field Office	(661) 726-3600	Antelope Valley Bookmobile	(661) 948-8270
Building Permit Information (Residential)	(661) 723-4440	Palmdale City Library	(661) 267-5600
Business License (Unincorporated)	(213) 974-2011	Los Angeles County Police	(800) 834-0064
Chambers of Commerce		(at LA County parks, health clinics, facilities)	
Acton	(661) 269-5785	Mental Health Hotline	(800) 854-7771
Antelope Valley (Lancaster)	(661) 948-4518	(Information, referrals, counseling)	
Lake Los Angeles	(661) 264-2786	Nuisance Abatement Team	(661) 723-4440
Littlerock	(661) 944-6990	(multiple code violations)	
Palmdale	(661) 273-3232	Property Taxes (Office of the Assessor)	
Pearblossom	(661) 944-6435	General Information (24-Hour)	(888) 807-2111
Quartz Hill	(661) 722-4811	Lancaster Regional Office	(661) 940-6700
Sun Village	(661) 944-8246	Public Information Office (of LA County)	(213) 974-1311
Children Services		Public Social Services	
Child Abuse Hotline (24-Hour)	(800) 540-4000	Lancaster Office	(661) 723-4021
Child Care Hotline/CalWORKs	(877) CHILD-99	Public Transportation	
Child Support Services	(661) 223-5869	Antelope Valley Transit Authority	(661) 945-9445
Code Enforcement (to report violations)	(213) 974-6483	Metrolink	(800) 371-LINK
Consumer Affairs (Main Hotline)	(800) 593-8222	Dial-A-Ride	(661) 945-9445
Lancaster Library Office	(661) 726-7550	Access RideInfo	(800) 827-0829
(Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)		METRO	(800) COMMUTE
Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 978-3600	Public Works	
Employment/Job Training		Building and Safety (AV Office)	(661) 723-4440
AV WorkSource Center	(661) 726-4128	Road Maintenance	(661) 947-7173
Environmental Health		Traffic and Lighting Maintenance	(800) 675-4357
24 Hour Hotline	(888) 700-9995	Waterworks	(661) 942-1157
Insect/Vector Control Program	(626) 430-5450	Sewer Maintenance	(661) 942-6042
Food Inspections	(661) 723-4533	Other Public Works Emergencies	(800) 675-4357
	or (626) 430-5380	Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	
Housing/General Inspections	(818) 902-4470	Lancaster District Office	(661) 945-6446
	or (626) 430-5380	(Voter registration, Marriage licenses, birth/death certificates)	
Environmental Programs	(888) CLEAN-LA	Information Line	(800) 815-2666
Fire Department - Emergencies	9-1-1	Safe Surrender Hotline	(877) BABYSAFE
Non-emergency	(661) 948-2631	Senior Citizens	
Fire Prevention Office	(661) 949-6319	Antelope Valley Senior Center	(661) 726-4400
Field Office (Lancaster City Hall)	(661) 723-6000	Adult Protective Services	(213) 351-5401
Garbage/Waste Collection		Elder Abuse Hotline	(877) 477-3646
Waste Management, Inc.	(661) 947-7197	Sheriff	
Graffiti Removal Hotline	(800) 675-4357	Lancaster Station	(661) 948-8466
Hazardous Waste/Spills	(800) 303-0003	Palmdale Station	(661) 272-2400
Health Services – For emergencies, call 9-1-1		Ombudsman (complaints about Sheriff’s Department)	(800) 801-0030
High Desert Health System	(661) 948-8581	Traffic Enforcement/Investigation	
Antelope Valley Health Center	(661) 723-4511	California Highway Patrol	(661) 948-8541
Dept. of Health Services Hotline	(800) 427-8700	Victim-Witness Assistance Program	(213) 974-7499

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Law Enforcement

- Lancaster Sheriff Station - 501 W. Lancaster Blvd.
- Palmdale Sheriff Station - 750 E. Avenue Q
- California Highway Patrol AV Station - 2041 W. Avenue I

Fire Stations

- Fire Station #24 - 1050 W. Avenue P
- Fire Station #33 - 44947 Date Ave.
- Fire Station #37 - 38318 9th St. E.
- Fire Station #77 - 46833 Peace Valley Rd.
- Fire Station #78 - 17021 Elizabeth Lake Rd.
- Fire Station #79 - 33957 Longview Rd.
- Fire Station #80 - 1533 Sierra Hwy.
- Fire Station #81 - 8710 Sierra Hwy.
- Fire Station #84 - 5030 W. Avenue L-14
- Fire Station #92 - 8905 E. Avenue U
- Fire Station #93 (proposed) - 55th St. E. & Ave. R
- Fire Station #112 - 8812 W. Avenue E-8
- Fire Station #114 - 39939 170th St. E.
- Fire Station #117 - 44851 30th St. E.
- Fire Station #129 - 42110 6th St. W.
- Fire Station #130 - 44558 40th St. W.
- Fire Station #131 - 2629 E. Avenue S
- Fire Station #134 - 43225 25th St. W.
- Fire Station #135 - 1846 E. Avenue K-4
- Fire Station #136 (proposed) - Town Center & Bolz Ranch Rd.
- Fire Station #140 - 8723 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

- Fire Station #157 - 15921 Spunky Canyon Rd.

Parks / Natural Areas

- Acton Park - 3751 Syracuse Ave.
- Apollo Park - 4555 W. Avenue G
- Castaic Lake State Recreation Area - 32132 Castaic Lake Dr.
- Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area - 28000 Punchbowl Rd.
- Everett Martin Park - 35548 92nd St. E.
- George Lane Park - 5520 W. Avenue L-8
- Jackie Robinson Park - 8773 E. Avenue R
- Pearblossom Park - 33922 121st St. E.
- Placerita Canyon Natural Area - 19152 Placerita Canyon Rd.
- Stephen Sorenson Park - 16801 E. Avenue P
- Tesoro Adobe Historic Park - 29350 Avenida Rancho Tesoro
- Vasquez Rocks Natural Area - 10700 Escondido Canyon Rd.
- William S. Hart Park and Museum - 24151 San Fernando Rd.

Health Services

- High Desert Health System/Hospital - 44900 60th St. W.
- Antelope Valley Health Center - 335B E. Avenue K-6
- Little Rock Community Clinic - 8201 Pearblossom Hwy.
- Lake LA Community Clinic - 16921 E. Avenue O, Suite G
- South Antelope Valley Health Center - 38350 40th St. E.
- Glenchur Clinic - 45120 60th St. W.

Libraries

- Lancaster Regional Library - 601 W. Lancaster Blvd.
- Quartz Hill Library - 42018 50th St. W.
- Little Rock Library - 35119 80th St. E.

- Lake Los Angeles Library - 16921 E. Avenue O, Suite A
- City of Palmdale Main Library - 700 E. Palmdale Blvd.
- City of Palmdale Youth Library - 38510 Sierra Hwy.

Community Services

- AV Environmental Collection Center - 1200 W. City Ranch Rd.
- Lancaster Animal Shelter - 5210 W. Avenue I
- Lancaster DPSS District Office - 349B E. Avenue K-6
- Antelope Valley Senior Center - 777 W. Jackman St.
- Lancaster Museum & Art Gallery - 44801 Sierra Hwy.
- Palmdale Transportation Center - 39000 Clock Tower Plaza Dr.

Your Guide to Emergency Planning

www.espfocus.org

Do Your Part!

In the event of any emergency, help us by:

- ☐ Keeping **9-1-1** emergency phone lines open for true emergencies.
- ☐ Using hospitals only for medical emergencies. Keep roads clear and stay home unless you are advised to evacuate or have a medical emergency.
- ☐ Using flashlights instead of matches or electrical switches if you think there may be a gas leak.

Other Resources

- ☐ **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:** www.labt.org
Hotline: 866-999-LABT (5228)
- ☐ **L.A. County Emergency Survival Program (ESP):** www.espfocus.org
- ☐ **L.A. County Disaster Hotline:** 800-980-4990
- ☐ **Info Line Los Angeles - "211 LA COUNTY":** 211
- ☐ **City of Los Angeles Emergency Operation Organization:** www.lacity.org/epd
Helpline: 888-356-4661
- ☐ **California Emergency Preparedness Office:**
www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/environmental/epo/epoindex.htm
- ☐ **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** www.bt.cdc.gov
Hotline: 888-246-2675
- ☐ **U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** www.ready.gov
- ☐ **Poison Center Hotline:** 800-222-1222
- ☐ **Red Cross disaster preparedness information** in Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese: www.redcross.org/services/disaster/

Your Guide to Emergency Planning

www.espfocus.org

Protection Means Planning

DON'T PANIC - BE PREPARED!

Are you prepared to survive a major earthquake, tsunami, fire, flood, act of terrorism, or other disaster?

This Emergency Survival Program (ESP) checklist provides you with easy-to-follow checklists to help you make the preparations you need. By following these simple guidelines, you can help prepare your family, neighborhood, business or school to be more self-sufficient after the next disaster. The Emergency Survival Program (ESP) is an awareness campaign designed to increase home, neighborhood, business and school emergency preparedness.

Don't let the next disaster catch you unprepared! Join with ESP and get ready for emergencies.

Emergency preparedness means planning ahead. The checklists below make it easy. Go over them with your family and review and update them once a year so they stay complete and up-to-date.

Protect yourself. Protect your family.

Complete this card and keep it nearby.

Emergency Plan Checklist

10 ESSENTIAL ACTIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn the threats in your area | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify safe spots in each room to take cover, if needed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under sturdy tables and desks• Against interior walls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify meeting places <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outside of your home• Outside of your neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Know your evacuation routes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exits and alternate ways to leave home | <input type="checkbox"/> Make special provisions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children• Seniors• Pets• People with Disabilities• Non-English speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Know the location of utility shut-offs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water• Gas• Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule annual disaster drills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Know the policies of schools, day-care and adult-care centers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency shelter/supplies• Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Select your out-of-state contact |





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Emergency Supplies Checklist

10 ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- ☐ Water (three days to a week supply - one gallon per person per day remember pets)
- ☐ Food (three days to a week supply of non-perishable foods and manual can opener-remember pets)
- ☐ First aid kit and manual
- ☐ Flashlight (and extra batteries)
- ☐ Radio (and extra batteries)
- ☐ Medications (over-the-counter, prescriptions, and prescription lists)
- ☐ Cash and important documents (small bills and coins, deeds, insurance papers, medical cards, etc.)
- ☐ Clothing and sturdy shoes
- ☐ Tools (adjustable wrench, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- ☐ Sanitation and hygiene supplies



Evacuation Checklist

10 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- ☐ Emergency Supply Kit
- ☐ Out-of-State Contact List
- ☐ Cash and Credit Cards
- ☐ Important Documents
 - ☐ Social Security Card
 - ☐ Drivers License
 - ☐ Passport
 - ☐ Medical Card and Records
 - ☐ Insurance Information
- ☐ Change of Clothing (for each member of the family)
- ☐ Personal Hygiene Items
 - ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - ☐ Shampoo and soap
 - ☐ Lotion
 - ☐ Deodorant
 - ☐ Kleenex and toilet tissue
- ☐ Family Photos
- ☐ Baby Items
 - ☐ Diapers
 - ☐ Formula
 - ☐ Food
 - ☐ Change of clothing
- ☐ Special Needs Items
 - ☐ Wheelchair, canes, walkers
 - ☐ Medication
 - ☐ Hearing aids (& extra batteries)
- ☐ Pet Care Items
 - ☐ Identification & immunizations
 - ☐ Carrier or cage
 - ☐ Muzzle and leash
 - ☐ Food and water

Personal Health and Emergency Information

Talk to your family about the health risks of different emergencies. Do a full accounting of family members' medical needs and family health resources. Fill out the form below to get started.

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CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Emergency Contact:	
• Local	
• Out of State	
Family Doctor:	
Local Hospital:	
Local Police:	
Local Fire:	
School(s):	
Meeting Location #1	
Meeting Location #2	
Health Insurance Carrier:	
Other:	

Family Member	Blood Type	Medical Record/ Policy Number	Past/Current Medical Conditions & Allergies	Current Medications